



Mideast Division Bulletin January 2016

This Mideast Division Bulletin is to provide communication on administrative policy and pending events within the division. These are areas that I want the Departments and Detachments to focus on to ensure the Mideast Division complies with directives from MCL National HQ. Disseminate this information to all detachments. Departments are requested to submit any information on scheduled events within their area to the Division Adjutant, Roger Ware at rrware@yahoo.com and Division Web Sgt, Robin Elder at mclmideast@gmail.com. The Division web site is: www.mclmideast.com. The Chain of Command is: Individual - Detachment - Department - Division - National.

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NEW PROTOCOL FOR ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERSHIP

NOTE: This is something that National is working on right now which will get active duty Marines into the system so they can fully appreciate what the MCL is all about. There are several issues that need to be worked out before any of this is implemented and this is just to let everyone know that this is in the works. Nothing has been finalized as the USMC has to come on board first and after everything is developed, the National BOT will vote on it. There is no start date and this is being sent only for information purposes for the division membership to know that National is looking into various sources to increase membership. Considering the active duty personnel has merit and can lead to a huge increase in overall MCL membership and once the glitches get worked out, the League can benefit.

- 1 - All Active Duty Marines can now become regular members of the Marine Corps League for FREE, for the duration of their enlistment.
- 2 - The Detachment will send a separate transmittal with all the Marines necessary information to include the join date (MCL) and the Marines end of enlistment date. The code will be H-AD. If the Marine reenlists, a transmittal will be sent to National (copy to the N Jr Vice)stating the new end of enlistment date.
- 3 - They will be issued a regular membership number with AD in front of it giving them all rights and privileges including voting and holding office.
- 4 - The National Jr. Vice will print up a membership card with all the information and # and email it to the Detachment. The card will include the join date (MCL) and the end of enlistment date.
- 5 - The Detachment WILL keep a separate list of all their Active Duty Members under this program. They will have all rights and privileges including voting and holding office.

6 - The Detachment will also send a copy of the transmittal to the National Jr. Vice Commandant who will also keep a list of the Active Duty Marines.

7 - A Detachment will be responsible to keep track of these Marines and keep them involved and interested by any means necessary. If the Active Duty Marine gets transferred to a new Duty Station the Detachment will work with the Marine to him/her a new Detachment near their new Duty Station. It will then be handled like a regular transfer according to our By- Laws, that will include sending in a change of address. The National Jr. Vice will also be noticed.

8 - The Marine Corps will also be putting out the word to all Marine Corps installations regarding this new program.

9 - The Detachment will also be responsible to give the Marine a Magazine.

Marines,

This is a new program so there may be some glitches. If you foresee a problem contact me and we will work it out.

Dennis Tobin
National Jr. Vice Commandant

Mideast Division Membership

Here are the total paid membership of the Mideast Division since 12/30/15

<u>12/31/15</u>	<u>9/30/15</u>	<u>6/30/15</u>	<u>3/31/15</u>	<u>12/31/14</u>	<u>9/30/14</u>	<u>6/30/14</u>	-
6078	5996	6188	6281	6360	6416	6459	

Here are the totals for the Division as of 12/31/15

PLM: 3514 Paid: 2564 Total Paid: 6078 Unpaid: 1211

Here are the changes since the 9/30/15 membership roster:

PLM -2 Paid: -84 Total Paid: +82 Unpaid: +126

The Mideast Division Membership on 12/31/15 - **6078**- , 3/31/15 - **6281**, 6/30/15 - **6188**, and on 9/30/15 - **5996** - decrease of 282 since 12/31/14. Total Unpaid 12/31/14 was **1130**, 3/14/15 was: **1088** , 6/30/15 was **1167**. **on 9/30/15 was 1337** This is increase of **81** unpaid since 12/31/14.

Here are the Department totals:

Dept:	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
DE	206	132	338	54
MD	716	397	1113	181
NC	1221	1096	2317	518
VA	851	558	1409	332

WV	458	307	765	102
Nat HQ MCL	15	10	25	3
District of Col	48	67	115	21
London	14	7	21	3

Total: 3514 2564 6078 1211

National Membership Manager Johanna Hill has sent the 4th quarter detachment membership rosters to the NVC's who, sent it to all the Departments. National will be mailing out copies within the next 2 weeks. This will list the members in each detachment including Paid Life Members (PLM), Paid (those paying annual dues) and Total Paid (includes PLM and dues paying) and all Unpaid. Only the Detachment Paymaster receives the detachment copy while the Department Commandant and Department Paymaster receive a copy of every detachment membership. Detachment Paymasters need to share this information with their Commandant and Jr Vice Commandant as well as those members of their Detachment Membership Retention Team (MRT). Every unpaid member listed must be contacted either via telephone call or letter and encouraged to continue paying their dues. The Commandant should ensure that every member of their detachment is contacted at least every 3 months. Communication is extremely important as it ensures your members are informed of your detachment activities and events so they can attend meetings and assist with some of your events

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2016 Mid Winter National Staff Conference

2016 Midwinter National Staff Conference will be Mar 3-5, 2016, at Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, VA. The Department Commandant's Council is Thursday, March 3rd at 1700. All Department Commandants or their representatives are required to present their respective reports during this council. In the event a Department does not have anyone in attendance, a copy of their Department Report should be mailed to Mideast Division NVC Mike McLain, 159 Kittle St, Williamstown, WV 262187 cell : 304-482-0752 so he can present it. Departments should present a copy to Mideast Division NVC Mike McLain and National Sr Vice Commandant Wendell Webb. Bring 50 copies for distribution. Department Commandants, your report should focus on all those areas that National Sr Vice Commandant Webb will request. Please be specific and provide the information that he desired in your Department Report. Limit your report to three minutes. Here is National's website: <http://www.mclnational.org/>. log onto site, click on Programs, then Midwinter, and scroll down and click on registration information, print off form., fill in the information and mail to the address listed. The form can also be sent as PDF or you can call the phone number listed and use your credit card to register.

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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 2016 Mideast Division Marine of the Year. The Chairman is Roger Ware, Department of West Virginia, Bud

Raines and Tony Begenwald Department of Maryland and Richard Tanner, Department of Delaware. 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 2016 Mideast Division Conference, June 25, 2016 in Newark DE. Each letter of nomination must be mailed to the above chairman, registered return receipt, post marked not later than May 15, 2016. Mail to Roger Ware, 181 Weese St, Elkins, WV 26241. Telephone: 304-636-4365. The Marine of the Year Committee will announce the 2016 recipient during the Mideast Division Conference. The above provisions are for 2016 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 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 "Chairman, 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 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 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 can develop a point system to aid them in their selection process. Consideration can be giving a point for each event, and a point giving for participation outside his detachment for either serving on department, division or national level and on any committees.

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2015 National Bylaws - Change 21

Is available on the national website. here is Change 21 - Enclosure 1 Instructions and New Page Inserts - Discussion

There are several Formatting Initiatives in Change 21. None of these changes any the text of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and their Enclosures. The only changes to the text are those Amendments approved at the 2015 National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ. The Formatting Initiatives are:

- A. All previous Change Documents in the front of the book are to be removed. Only the Documents for the last change will be retained in the book. The Documents for the previous Changes may be retained in a separate History File.
- B. The designation of the Change Numbers for the Sections and/or Paragraphs which have been modified is now a small box on the left margin and is less intrusive on the text. This will be uniformly applied on the Complete Version posted on the MCL National Web Site.
- C. In addition to the page numbers at the bottom of the page, the latest change to that page is also listed. The page number will be at the outer margin, and the change number will be on the inner margin, i.e. Odd Numbered pages: CH 17 BL 4-1 Even Numbered Pages BL 4-2 CH 21
- D. A separate Table of Contents has been added for each of the three divisions; Bylaws, Administrative Procedures and Enclosures.
- E. A List of Effective Pages has been added to allow the holder to verify that their book does have all the correct pages. It is laid out in sets three columns, the first column being

the page number, the second shows the last (latest) change applied to that page and the third is blank for the holder to put their mark when verifying the pages. Note that each page number and change is unique. In the example above, page BY 4-1 only has Change 17 applied while page BY 4-2 has Change 21. This will not be uncommon even though the pages may be back-to-back. For the immediate use, the pages that are retained in your book will not have the last change listed at the bottom, so you will have to look through the text to see what the last change is. If no changes have been applied to a particular page, it will show CH 0. When the complete version is placed on the National MCL Web Site it will be in this format. Any reprinting of the book will also follow this format. ACTION REQUIRED TO EFFECT THIS CHANGE 1. Remove the Documents for Change 1 through Change 20 in the front of the Book. Retain these in a separate History File. Only the Documents for the latest Change will be retained in the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures

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MCL National Web Site

Here is the link for MCL National: <http://www.mclnational.org/>. These blank forms, provided here in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document File (PDF) Format, are provided by the National Headquarters, and are in multi-part carbon sets. The forms below have been made enterable and can be saved electronically by the detachment. Prior to forwarding to the Department print the required number of copies. The forms below are enterable using Chrome or Internet Explorer. Click on documents on the national site

Dues Transmittal, Officer Installation, Request for Transfer, Death Notice, Membership Application

Mailing Address:

Marine Corps League - National Headquarters
P.O. Box 3070
Merrifield, VA. 22116

703) 207-9588
(703) 207-9589
(800) MCL 1775
fax (703) 207-0047

Semper Fi Store: merchandise@mcleague.org 703-207-9588

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National Recruiting - Cash Incentive Program

Marines of the Mideast Division;

Here is the info for the Recruiting - Cash Incentive Program as mentioned by NJVC Dennis Tobin.

National currently has a recruiting contest/incentive program in place effective October 1, till the close of business prior to next years National Convention. It is a cash incentive,

with the drawing to be held at the National Convention in Oklahoma.

1st prize—\$1,000.00 each to a new member and the sponsor

2nd prize—\$ 500.00 each to a new member and the sponsor

3rd prize x 10—\$100.00 each to a new member and the sponsor.

Note- if the new member walked into the Detachment to join and there is no sponsor listed the Detachment will get the sponsor portion of the prize

Division Financial

The Mideast Division presently has a balance of \$1,174.45 ending 30 Sep 2015

The Chapel of Four Chaplains - February 3

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

Many of the members in our division are recipients of the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award. The Chapel is a lasting tribute to those four Army chaplains who lost their lives on Feb 3, 1943 when the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed by a German submarine. The Chapel will soon be mailing out donation requests to every member who has been inducted into the Legion of Honor, asking for their support in keeping the Chapel of Four Chaplains vibrant. The Chapel's motto of "Unity without Uniformity and the recognition of "ordinary people who do extraordinary things" continues to be manifested in so many ways all over the country, and to so many people. Please consider supporting the Chapel with a donation and mail to : The Chapel of Four Chaplains, 1201 Constitution Avenue, The Navy Yard, Building 649, Philadelphia, PA 19112-1307.

VA Plans to Propose Expanded Disability Benefits Eligibility for Veterans Exposed to Contaminated Water at Camp Lejeune

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced on December 17, 2015 that it plans to propose expanded disability compensation eligibility for Veterans exposed to contaminated drinking water while assigned to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

From 1953 to 1987, water sources at the base were contaminated with industrial solvents that are correlated with certain health conditions. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald decided to propose presumptions of service connection for certain conditions associated with these chemical solvents following discussions between environmental health experts at the Veterans Health Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

"The water at Camp Lejeune was a hidden hazard, and it is only years later that we know

how dangerous it was,” said Secretary McDonald. “We thank ATSDR for the thorough review that provided much of the evidence we needed to fully compensate Veterans who develop one of the conditions known to be related to exposure to the compounds in the drinking water.”

ATSDR determined that the drinking water at Camp Lejeune was contaminated with perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, vinyl chloride, benzene and other petroleum contaminants from leaking storage tanks from 1953 to 1987. ATSDR also determined that prolonged exposure to these chemicals increases the risk of certain health conditions. Based upon VA’s review of current medical science and ATSDR’s findings, Secretary McDonald intends to propose creation of a presumption of service connection for the following conditions:

- Kidney Cancer
- Liver Cancer
- Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- Leukemia
- Multiple Myeloma
- Scleroderma
- Parkinson's Disease
- Aplastic Anemia / Myelodysplastic Syndromes

The Secretary’s proposal would also expand benefits eligibility to Reserve and National Guard personnel who served at Camp Lejeune for any length of time from August 1, 1953, through December 31, 1987. These personnel would be presumed to have been exposed to the contaminated water during their Reserve or National Guard service and, in appropriate circumstances, to have been disabled by such exposure during service, thus allowing them to qualify for VA benefits under the statutory definition of “Veteran.” This would make them eligible for VA disability compensation and medical care for any of the presumptive conditions, and their surviving dependents would be eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation and burial benefits.

VA is working on regulations that would establish these presumptions, making it easier for affected Veterans to receive VA disability compensation for these conditions. While VA cannot grant any benefit claims based on the proposed presumption of service connection for these conditions until it issues its final regulations, it encourages Veterans who have a record of service at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, and develop a condition that they believe is related to exposure to the drinking water at the base, to file a disability compensation claim with VA.

VA will continue to grant claims for disabilities claimed to be associated with exposure to the contaminants that can be granted under current regulations and review of the evidence in each case. If a claim for service connection for one of the proposed presumptive conditions would be denied under current regulations, the denial will be stayed until VA issues its final regulations. VA will announce when the regulations are final and presumptive benefits can begin to be awarded. For more information on applying for these benefits, visit: http://benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-postservice-exposures-camp_lejeune_water.asp.

Veterans who served at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, are already eligible to receive VA healthcare for up to 15 health

conditions. More information, including a full list of covered conditions, can be found online at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/PUBLICHEALTH/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp>.

Veterans can establish eligibility for healthcare benefits by submitting VA Form 10-10EZ online at www.1010ez.med.va.gov/, downloading it at www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/1010EZ-fillable.pdf and returning it to any VA Medical Center or Clinic, or by calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM (Eastern Time).

VA is reimbursing certain veterans' family members for eligible out-of-pocket medical expenses related to the 15 covered conditions. More information can be found at: <https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov>

What to Expect at Your VA Exam

The transition from military to civilian life can make remembering to attend your scheduled medical appointments a little tricky especially if you're in the middle of a job search or attending college for the first time. However, it's important you know that making your scheduled VA exams is essential to accurately processing your claim. VA assesses your exam results when determining service connection for your claimed medical condition. These medical examinations are scheduled by VA and are performed by either a VA physician or contracted physician. It's important to note these exams aren't always required to evaluate your medical conditions; however, in instances when they are needed, it's important that you make every effort to show up.

VA assesses your exam results when determining service connection for your claimed medical condition. When a Veteran fails to report to his or her medical appointment can have huge ramifications to their benefits to include:

Denial of your original or reopened claim, or claim for increase. When you fail to report for an exam, your claim will be rated based on the evidence available in your record. This could be detrimental to your original claim because the exam results could provide the necessary evidence needed to satisfy service connection. In reopened claims, the exam results may provide the **new and material evidence** needed to overturn a prior VA decision or, in the case of a claim for increase, show that your condition has worsened.

Reduction or termination of your current benefits. When you fail to report for a reexamination of a running entitlement, VA, under law, is required to issue you a notice that proposes to either reduce or terminate your monthly benefit if an examination is needed to maintain a current rating.

Delay in the decision of your pending claim. Examination requests are in high demand. Rescheduling can delay the processing of your claim and a final decision from VA.

In order to avoid these potential pitfalls, follow these simple tips:

Keep your scheduled exam whenever possible.

Can't make it? Tell VA immediately by **phone, online, or in person**. The VA may be able to reschedule your exam date.

Make sure your address and phone number is up-to-date as the VA will attempt to notify you of an exam by letter and telephone. There are countless amounts of returned mail

because applicants moved without notifying the VA. Ensure your address is always current.

More information on this topic can be found in **38 Code of Federal Regulation 3.655**.

VA Aid & Attendance

Proposed changes to the eligibility rules regarding Aid & Attendance Pension benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs will take effect in early 2016, probably February or March. The proposed changes impact the following:

- Net Worth: For the first time, a definitive limit on the countable net worth an applicant can have and still qualify for benefits is given. The proposed limit is \$119,220 (equal to the current maximum community spouse resource allowance for Medicaid purposes); The net worth limitation would increase each year with the Social Security cost-of-living increase; and The net worth limitation will apply regardless of whether the applicant is single or married (or has other qualifying dependents), and without consideration of any excess care costs the applicant may have.
- Countable Assets for Net Worth Purposes: Assets are defined as “fair market value of all property that an individual owns, including all real and personal property, unless considered an excluded asset, less the amount of mortgages or other encumbrances specific to the mortgaged or encumbered property.” The primary residence (“Homestead”) of the applicant is still excluded from the asset calculation, whether the applicant resides there or not, as long as it remains a residence (e.g. sale or lease of the premises can be problematic); but the “reasonable lot area” that the residence sits on will now be limited to 2 acres (previously, there was no such limitation.) Annual income will be considered an asset for net worth purposes. For example: if the applicant has Social Security of \$1,500 per month, this would correspond to \$18,000 in assets (which could result in the applicant being over the net worth limit described above).
- Transfers of Assets and Penalties: Assets that would otherwise be countable for eligibility purposes which are transferred within the “look back period” will result in a period of ineligibility. Penalty periods may also be assessed for the purchase of an annuity or transfer of assets to a trust (revocable or irrevocable). The ineligibility period is limited to 10 years, regardless of the size of the transfer; In order to “cure” the transfer by returning the funds to the applicant, the return of funds must be done within 30 days of submission of the VA Pension application; The “look back period” will be the 36 months immediately preceding the date of application for benefits; and The only exception to the presumption of a penalized transfer is evidence that the transfer was a result of “fraud, misrepresentation or other bad act in the marketing or sale of a financial product”.

The VA has not stated whether the new rules will apply retroactively, however, the potential application of the proposed regulations underscores the importance of consulting a qualified Elder Law attorney before submitting an application. Additionally, despite the promulgation of regulations that restrict the ability of many to receive VA Pension benefits, there are options available for restructuring of finances to allow qualification without first having to spend all of your hard-earned savings. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact a qualified Elder Law attorney. Do not let the newly restrictive regulations or the worries or opinions of others keep you from exploring your options. There may still be strategies available to achieve eligibility, and VA Pension benefits may allow you to receive care in your own home instead of a facility.

IRS Form 1095 - ACA Submission Requirement for 2015

It won't be long until tax time. For tax year 2015 your tax responsibilities have changed. Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), all Americans including all military members (active duty, re-tired, Selected Reserve, or Retired Reserve) and their eligible family members must have health care coverage that meets a minimum standard called minimum essential coverage or pay a fee. Your TRICARE coverage meets the minimum essential coverage requirement under the ACA. "The term "active duty" means full-time duty in the active service of a uniformed service for more than 30 consecutive days".

Beginning in January 2016, DFAS will be providing IRS Form 1095-C to all U.S. military members, and IRS Form 1095-B to all Retirees, Annuitants, former spouses and all other individuals having TRICARE coverage during all or any portion of tax year 2015. An IRS Form 1095 documents you (and your family members, if applicable) have the minimum essential coverage. More information will be forthcoming about the delivery method of these forms. These forms will document the information that DFAS will provide to the IRS on yourself and your authorized family members. The forms will be required to be reported with your 2015 federal tax return. DFAS will provide you with IRS Form 1095 series forms no later than Jan. 31, 2016

You can find more information about the impact of the Affordable Care Act on your federal income tax at: <http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act> or <http://www.dfas.mil/taxes/aca.html>. You can act now to make sure your forms remain secure once they are available using myPay (<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>). Just look for the link to "Turn On/Off Hard Copy of IRS Form 1095" in your account and select Electronic Delivery Only. Your information will remain safe until you need it. [

Pending Calendar

2016 Midwinter National Staff Conference will be March 3-5, 2016 at the Marriott Fairview Park, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042. Phone : 703-849-9400, rooms: \$103.00 per night . All deadlines are 8 February 2016.

2016 Marine South Expo will be April 6-7 , 2016 at Camp Lejeune, NC

2016 Department of Delaware Convention and election of officers will take place on Saturday 30 April 2016. 10:00 to 14:00. Heritage Shores Country Club, 1 Heritage Shore Lane, 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.

2016 Department of Maryland Department Convention will be April 28-30, 2016 at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842-2745. 1-800-4 ROYALE, (1-410-524-7777) Ocean-view/Pool-view. Ocean Front: Includes free continental breakfast.

2016 Department of West Virginia Convention will be May 6-8, 2016 in Wheeling, WV. Jones, Wolin & O'Brien Detachment 771 will be the host detachment. Further details are pending.

2016 Department of Virginia Department Convention will be May 13-15, 2016 at the

Sand Castle Beachfront Hotel, VA Beach Va. Beach call 757-428-2828 to make reservations. mention Marine Corps League Room rate is just \$119.00 + tax per night Reservations need to be made no later than 15 April due to high volume of sports events in the area Banquet Sat. cost \$40.00 per person. POC David Hord -757-567-1252 yogih220@verizon.net or Don Coons - 757-510-4145 djc1954@verizon.net

2016 Mideast Division Conference will be June 24-26, 2016 at the Wilmington-Christinia Hilton, 100 Continental Drive, Newark DE 19713. Telephone; 302 781 7049. It is conveniently located off I-95 exit 4B. Room rate is \$124.99 a night and includes full breakfast buffet. Banquet is \$34.00.

NOTE: The MCL Mideast Division Annual Conference, hosted by the Department of Delaware, is scheduled for 24-26 June 2016 at the Hilton Wilmington/Christiana, 100 Continental Dr., Newark, DE 19713. The hotel is conveniently located off I-95, Exit 4B. Guestrooms are \$124.99 per night and include two (2) full breakfasts per room daily (omelets made-to-order). The two entrée banquet will be held in the Hilton Grand Ballroom. A few unique destinations nearby include Delaware Park Raceway & Casino, Longwood Gardens, Delaware Museum of Natural History, and for shopping — the Christiana Mall and The Colonade - featuring Cabela's. Of course, Delaware has no sales tax making shopping much more affordable. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at 800.348.3133, or 302.454.1500. Also, see their website at <http://hiltonestate.com>. TO HAVE YOUR NAME TAG PRINTED AND PACKET PREPARED PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL, YOU MUST BE PREREGISTERED BY 27 MAY 2016. Please make your check payable to "Mideast Division Conference," and mail it and your completed registration to: Jack Flood, Jr., MCL Dept. of DE Adjutant, 5 Canvasback Circle, Bridgeville, DE 19933.

2016 MCL National Convention will be August 7-13, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency, 100 East 2nd St, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tele: 918-234-1234, contact reservations: 1-888-591-1234. after August 17, 2015. room rate: \$91.00 plus tax for total \$103.30. Free WiFi, Pets allowed, Breakfast available (Self parking , There is no RV parking and Good Sam's RV park is about 7 miles.

Note: Overflow Hotel 8 - 12 August 2016 Courtyard by Marriott - Tulsa Downtown 415 South Boston Avenue, Tulsa, OK (800) 721-7033 or (918) 508-7400 Online reservations Rate \$107.00 per night (plus tax) Standard King or Double Queen includes valet parking and breakfast **Group code is MCL**

2016 Modern Day Marine Expo will be Sept 27-29, 2016 at MCB, Quantico, VA

2017 MCL National Convention will be August 2017 at the Sheraton Overland Park at the Convention Center, 6100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS, 66211. Book By Phone: 1-800-628-8491 Room rate: \$115.00 with 18% tax, free parking, free breakfast and free wifi.

Semper Fidelis,

Mike McLain
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