



Mideast Division Bulletin - January 2015

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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VA Compensation Rates Effective January 1, 2015

<u>Rate</u>	<u>single</u>	<u>with spouse</u>
10%	\$133.17	
20%	\$263.23	
30%	\$407.75	\$455.75
40%	\$587.36	\$651.36
50%	\$836.13	\$917.13
60%	\$1059.09	\$1156.09
70%	\$1334.71	\$1447.71
80%	\$1551.48	\$1680.48
90%	\$1743.48	\$1888.48
100%	\$2906.83	\$3068.90

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Mideast Division Membership

Here are the total paid membership of the Mideast Division since 12/31/14

<u>12/31/14</u>	<u>9/30/14</u>	<u>6/30/14</u>	<u>3/31/14</u>	<u>12/31/13</u>	<u>9/30/13</u>
6360	6416	6459	6418	6577	6474

Here are the totals for the Division as of 12/30/14

PLM: 3562 Paid: 2798 Total Paid: 6360 Unpaid: 1130

Here are the changes since the 9/30/14 membership roster:

PLM -16 Paid: -40 Total Paid: -56 Unpaid: +23

Here are the Department totals:

Dept:	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
DE	211	154	365	35
MD	726	406	1132	174
NC	1226	1213	2439	503
VA	866	673	1539	276
WV	468	280	748	111

District of Col	50	70	120	25
London	15	2	17	6
Sierra Alpha	1	0	1	0
Total:	3562	2798	6360	1130
National:	34577	25921	60498	9939

MCL National HQ has sent the Quarterly membership listing as of December 31, 2014 to every Detachment Paymaster and every Department Commandant within the Mideast Division. This roster lists the total paid, and unpaid members for each respective Detachment within each Department. Upon receipt of this Quarterly membership listing, Department Commandants are directed to review this list and make contact with those Detachment Commandants in their departments and task these Commandants to do what they can to reduce the number of unpaid members in their detachments. Membership is the driving force for the Marine Corps League and every member in the Mideast Division is a recruiter and we all need to do whatever we can to keep our members and recruit new members. National is focusing on all these unpaid members and has directed every Division to see what can be done to encourage these unpaid members to pay their annual dues. A personal telephone call or directive from the Department Commandant to the Detachment Commandants can often make a difference. Let's see if we can increase the number of paid members in our Division.

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Division Financial

The Mideast Division presently has a balance of \$1,364.00

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2015 Mid Winter National Staff Conference

2015 Midwinter National Staff Conference will be Feb 12 - 14, 2015, at Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, VA. The Department Commandant's Council is Thursday, February 13th 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 Richard Gore. Bring 50 copies for distribution. Department Commandants, your report should focus on all those areas that National Sr Vice Commandant Gore has listed. The section that follows is what is required. Please be specific and provide the information that he desired in your Department Report. Limit your report to three minutes.

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National Sr Vice Commandant Richard Gore- Commandants Council

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT COMMANDANTS
SUBJECT: MID WINTER STAFF MEETING
DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2015

COMMANDANTS, THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT EVERY DEPT. CMDT. IS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT OF WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN YOUR DEPT. IN THE PAST YEAR. YOU MAY DO THIS BY SUBMITTING IT TO ME BY E-MAIL, NO LATER THAN 9 FEBRUARY, OR BY PERSONALLY DELIVERING IN HAND BY YOURSELF OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE , AT THE COUNCIL MEETING.

NEEDED IN THIS REPORT:

- 01) DEPARTMENT STRENGTH
- 02) INCREASE OR DECREASE SINCE FEB. 2014
- 03) WHY THE INCREASE OR DECREASE
- 04) DO YOU HAVE A RECRUITING OR RETENTION PROGRAM.
- 05) ARE YOU USING THE PDP IN YOUR STATE.
- 06) HOW ARE YOU ADDRESSING DELINQUENCY.
- 07) NAME OF MARINE FOR LIFE REPRESENTATIVE.
- 08) HAVE YOU USED THE MCL FOUNDATION.
- 09) HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU USED CHAPTER NINE.

ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CALL ME ON MY PHONE OR USE E-MAIL. THERE WILL BE AN IN DEPTH DISCUSSION ON WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO GET INTO THE 21ST CENTURY AND BUILD MEMBERSHIP. ALL COMMANDANTS ARE EXPECTED AT THIS MEETING OR AT LEAST HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE ATTEND. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR RESPONSE.

Richard D. Gore, Sr.
National Sr Vice Commandant
Marine Corps League
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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 NVC Mike McLain has appointed the following Mideast Division members to form a committee to select a 2015 Mideast Division Marine of the Year. The Chairman is Roger Ware, Department of West Virginia and members Bud Raines and Tony Begenwald Department of Maryland and Fred Wise, 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 2015 Mideast Division Conference, June 27, 2015 in Fredericksburg, VA. Each letter of nomination must be mailed to the above chairman, registered return receipt, post marked not later than May 15, 2015. Mail to Roger Ware, 181 Weese St, Elkins, WV 26241. Telephone: 304-636-4365. The Marine of the Year Committee will announce the 2015 recipient during the Mideast Division Conference. The above provisions are for 2015 Marine of the Year selection only.

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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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Insurance and Corporation Coverage

MCL National Headquarters has contracted with Rust Insurance to provide blanket insurance coverage for Detachments, Departments and the National Headquarters in the commission of MCL activities and events. It's imperative that all detachments ensure all activities or events are approved during their detachment meetings before the event. All approved activities and events should be documented in their minutes for reference in the event of any incident or accident. The insurance policy may not cover something if it was not approved by the membership. This insurance is designated to protect the Detachment or Department against claims alleging negligence that causes injuries to third parties (persons other than members). It does not cover lawsuits brought against a member by another. The policy also excludes any injury to participants in athletic events or other sports activities. The insurance provided normally takes care of events, parades and other activities in which the Department or Detachment members participate but does not provide coverage for the Department or Detachment or its members as sponsors of an event. This is why it's important that Departments and Detachments ensure they have only Marine Corps League members represent the League. This is not and was never intended to be an accident policy for the members.

Detachments are required to file as a corporation as this protects the Officers and members of the Detachment, and by the same measure establishes the limitations for the organization in doing business as a non-profit organization. A correctly formed and operated Corporation shields each individual member of the League from becoming liable for the satisfaction of any possible court issued judgment. The detachment members must approve all activities and events during their meetings and should document their approval in their minutes. All approved activities and events are thereafter considered as sanctioned under the corporation. Your detachment minutes are used for reference in case of an incident or accident.

Detachment never want to conduct an activity or event without the approval of their members as this might jeopardize their insurance coverage or not be covered under their corporation status. If ever in doubt, ensure your insurance covers the event, or do not take the risk.

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Detachment Board of Trustees

Each detachment is governed by its elected officers (Board of Trustees) and upon incorporation the Board members are the controlling body of the detachment. Each

member of the Board of Trustees has the special duty to act in good faith with reasonable judgment for the interest of all it's members and to examine all aspects of the detachment business including adherence to procedures, financial reports, submission of reports and substantiated expense accounts. To do otherwise is break faith with the membership at large and risk personal liability. Full transparency of financial records is imperative for the benefit of the membership.

The Board members must ensure that proper administrative, clerical and financial functions are being performed as necessary by all elected and appointed officers. This includes knowing their detachment EIN number, Charter date and Incorporation date. It also includes: holding monthly meetings and keeping minutes, electing officers annually between October and May and ensuring the Report of Officer Installation (ROI) is submitted, filing of the IRS 990N as soon as possible after June 30 yearly, the audit and completion using the National June 30 detachment membership roster of all Paid Life Members (PLM), Detachment has a Web Sgt and functioning web page, recruitment and retention of members and the filing of an Annual Corporate Report if required by your state. The submission of all membership dues transmittal and completion of the Paymaster Report each month. The responsibilities of the Board of Trustees are not only limited to these duties but all other that arise. They must be proactive to ensure their detachment officers complete all administrative and financial duties as required. If the board members include the following in their Detachment Monthly Membership Meeting, it creates continuity and serves as a reference for some of the recurring administrative duties. Changes can be made as duties are completed and these should be included in every detachment meeting minutes.

Officer Installation date: EIN: Detachment Charter date: Incorporation date:
Locator page last update: PLM Audit: 990-N-efile date:
Annual Corporate Report filed: Membership totals: PLM:
Total Paid: Total Unpaid:

It is the duty of the Detachment Board of Trustees to manage the detachment administrative, clerical and financial procedures. It is necessary to ensure that all requirements are completed to maintain your detachment charter and to protect your detachment membership. If any of these duties are not performed in a timely manner, your detachment is not being managed properly and steps must be taken to ensure compliance by the Department Board of Trustees.

Each officer should maintain a copy of the Detachment meeting minutes for reference while they serve his/her tour. A good way to see what your Detachment has been doing over the past couple years is to read over these minutes. Read all you can about what your Detachment has been doing over the past few years. Talk with members and see where the Detachment is going or what ideas can you throw into the mix to help grow the Detachment. Every officer must be well versed in the duties of all other officers within the detachment. Every member of the Board should be held accountable to their ethical and fiduciary responsibilities because they serve as a corporate officer too. No individual

member of a Department shall serve in more than one position on the Board of Trustees

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Pending Calendar

2015 Midwinter National Staff Conference will be February 12, 13 and 14 at the Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA. Reservation can be made now. The phone number to call is 1-800-228-9290 and guests can ask for the "Marine Corps League Winter Conference 2015 room block".

2015 Marine South Expo will be April 22-23, 2015 at Camp Lejeune, NC

2015 Department of West Virginia Department Convention will be May 1-2, 2015 at the Comfort Suites Parkersburg South, 167 Elizabeth Pike, Mineral Wells, WV 26150 (304) 489-9600. Room rate \$79.00 plus room tax. Please make your room reservation direct with the hotel no later than March 31, 2015 Free parking and continental breakfast. The Grand Banquet will be held May 2, 2015' Banquet cost is \$30 served buffet style with tossed salad, choice roast beef or chicken, sides, drinks and assorted cakes. Social hour: 6 PM, Banquet 7 PM. Pre-registration must be received no later than April 15, 2015. POC: Bud Williams 304-489-2062

2015 Department of MD Department Convention will be May 14-16, 2015 at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842-2745. 1-800-4 ROYALE, (1-410-524-7777) \$95.00 (plus tax) Ocean-view/Pool-view. Ocean Front: \$129.00. Includes free continental breakfast. Banquet: \$45.00 per person

2015 Department of Delaware Convention and election of officers will take place on Saturday 16 May 2015. 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.

2015 Department of Virginia Convention will be May 15-17, 2015 at the Surfside Inn/Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA. Phone Number: 757-428-1183. Room Rate: \$108.00 + tax - \$124.12 per night. Currently: 30 rooms have been blocked

2015 Department of North Carolina Department Convention will be June 12-14, 2015 hosted by Cherry Point Detachment 1067

2015 Mideast Division Conference will be hosted by Department of VA, June 26-28, 2015 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 Phone: (540) 786-8321 800 Number: (800) 682-1049. Fax: (540) 786-0397. Room rate at \$89.00 plus tax. Banquet \$32.00 (Per Attendee) Make checks payable to: MCL Dept. of Virginia Mail to: Department of Virginia, Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 72652, Richmond, VA 23235-8017 Note: RSVP by June 13, 2015

2015 MCL National Convention will be August 9 -14, 2015 at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort, 7200 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253. Room rate is \$94 plus 13.17% room tax for \$106.38 total. Includes breakfast, Wi Fi and parking. Phone 480-948-5000. **Contact reservations at 1-800-832-2025 to make arrangements commencing August 10, 2104.** \$10 for shuttle to or from airport. RV parking without fee. check in 3 PM. POC is John Walker, mcsniper@frontier.com, 2626 Safari Lane, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403-2105. (H) (928) 855-2105

2015 Modern Day Marine Expo will be September 22-24, 2015 at Quantico, VA.

2016 MCL National Convention will be August 7-13, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency, 100 East 2nd St, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tele: 918-234-1234, room rate: \$91.00 plus tax for total \$102.49. There is no RV parking and Good Sam's RV park is about 7 miles away.

Semper Fi,

Mike McLain
NVC
Mideast Division