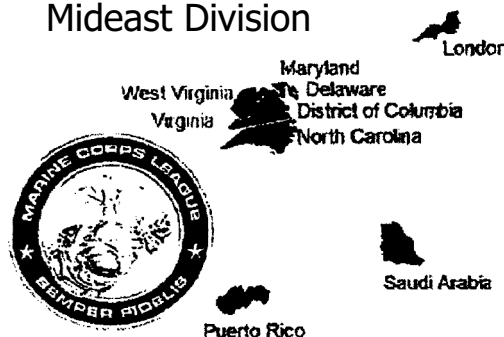


## Mideast Division



### **Mideast Division Bulletin 3-12**

The 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](mailto:rrware@yahoo.com) and Division Web Sgt Jim Haslam at [jhaslam@nc.rr.com](mailto:jhaslam@nc.rr.com). The Division web site is: [www.mclmideastdiv.org](http://www.mclmideastdiv.org). The chain of command is Individual - Detachment - Department - Division - National.

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**Mideast Division Financial Report**

Rifle Raffle Sales	\$1,880.00
Expenses:	
Purchased Rifle	\$465.00
Checks (Printed)	<u>\$16.73</u>
Total Expenses	\$481.73
Total to account for	<u>\$1,398.27</u>
Cash in Bank Reconciled 7/31/12	<u>\$1,398.27</u>

**Mideast Division Membership**

The following is the paid membership for the Division on the dates indicated

<u>Dept</u>	<u>6/30/12</u>	<u>6/30/11</u>	<u>Net</u>
DC Marines	178	245	-67
Capital Marines	80	86	-6
Delaware	398	383	+15
Maryland	1246	1250	-4
North Carolina	2492	2446	+46
Virginia	1606	1725	-119
West Virginia	746	707	+39
Saudia Arabia	19	19	-0-
Puerto Rico	24	24	-0-
London	23	26	-3
Mideast Division Totals	6812	6911	-99

This decrease in membership is noted with great concern. Please concentrate your efforts on turning this matter to the positive by 30 September.

### **Department Commandants Council reports for National Convention**

National Sr. Vice Commandant Tuohy wants the following information given during the Commandants Council in Mobile.

**Membership focus:** How many members do you have in your Department? Is this an increase or decrease from the previous quarter? The past year? What's the reason for it? What programs, if any, do you have for recruiting and retention? Are you working your delinquent list? If so, what are you doing? Do you have a member who is a Marine for Life representative? Have you assisted any member(s) through the MCL Foundation?

**Professional Development Program (PDP) focus:** Does your department currently have a Leadership School? Are you using the PDP in your Department/Division? How many detachments has this been rolled out to? Out of how many? If using this program, have you provided a critique sheet to each member, after your presentation, to complete and email back to your coordinator? If you have not presented this program to your members, what are you using for education topics in its place? Note: All Department Commandants will be expected to present a report at the Commandants Council. There will be a 3 minute time limit on reports, so consolidate as much as possible.

### **MCL National Director of Veterans Service Memorandum**

Every Detachment Paymaster in the Mideast Division received a memorandum from Timothy Frank, MCL National Director of Veterans Service along with their June 30, 2012 membership roster. This memorandum required all detachments to immediately submit to her, the name of their respective Detachment Service Officer on the form mailed to them. This was not asking for the name of your VAVS officer, She also mentioned that she would be offering service officer training at this year's National Convention in Mobile. Ms. Frank also encouraged anyone interested in becoming a service officer to attend one of her 90 minutes sessions on August 13 and 14.

### **National Comptroller Letter to Detachment Paymasters**

Every Mideast Division detachment paymaster received a letter from the National Comptroller, PNC Paul Hastings, regarding a PLM Audit and Interest Payment, per Bylaws Section 645 and 646. This letter is a reminder that every detachment must submit an audit of their June 30, 2012 life membership roster to National Headquarters, via your department paymaster, by 31 December. The certification on the roster must be signed by the detachment commandant and detachment paymaster.

### **Detachment Web Site or Locator Page**

National Headquarters is tasking every detachment in the Marine Corps League to focus on their detachment web site or locator page. Many detachments have not updated their web site for several years. Some detachments do not have a web site and must go to the MCL National web site under the Professional Development Program, duties of appointed officers, and look up the Web Sgt. Specific information is listed on how to gear up your detachment website. Detachment commandants may request the department web sergeant to become their detachment web Sgt., if there is a need or lack of personnel with computer skills.

### **2012 National Convention in Mobile, AL**

The Department of WV's bid to host the 2014 National Convention in Charleston, WV will be presented to the members in attendance on Thursday morning, August 16, 2012. Several league members and members of the Charleston Visitors and Convention Center will be present for several days passing out informational brochures. They will also be available to answer your questions. They will offer a hospitality buffet on Wednesday evening, August 15 from 5 - 10 p.m. at the Wintzel's Oyster House, 960 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL. A shuttle bus will make continuous trips to the oyster house during the evening. Mideast Division members attending the National Convention are requested to support this bid and enjoy the buffet.

### **Division Conference Summary**

The Department of NC hosted the 2012 Mideast Division Conference, June 15-17, at the Hilton Raleigh Durham Airport Hotel, in Raleigh, NC. The Henry "Golden Boy" 22 rifle was won by Detachment 1087, Department of WV. Mideast Division adjutant - Roger Ware was selected as 2012 Mideast Division Marine of the Year. During the Mideast Division Staff Officers meeting, the members requested our Judge Advocate to approve all future contracts. This was approved.

### **Certificates of Appreciation:**

The following MCL awards and certificates were awarded.

Capital City Young Marines - Raleigh, NC For performing Morning Colors and presenting the Colors at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Mideast Division Conference.

Robert White - Associate Member of the Tar Heel Detachment #733, for playing the bagpipes at Morning Colors, and the opening ceremony of the 2012 Mideast Division Conference.

Col. John Nicholson - USMC (retired) Joint Opening Guest Speaker, For welcoming all in attendance at the 2012 Mideast Division Conference on behalf of the Governor of North Carolina, Beverly Perdue.

Sgt Maj. Holly Prafke - MCAS Cherry Point for being the Guest Speaker at the 2012 Mideast Division Conference Banquet.

Hilton Raleigh - Durham Airport Hotel - Host Hotel for Mideast Division Conference

### **Division Level Meritorious Unit Commendation:**

Tar Heel Detachment #733 for being the Host Detachment of the 2012 Mideast Division Conference.

### **Mideast Division "Individual" Meritorious Unit Commendation**

John Dilday - Tar Heel Detachment #733 - 2012 Mideast Division Conference Chairman

Suellen Beaulieu - Tar Heel Detachment #733 - 2012 Mideast Division Conference

Harry Schweitzer - Tar Heel Detachment #733 - 2012 Mideast Division Conference Committee Member

Mary Dixon - LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 - 2012 Mideast Division Conference Committee Member

Bob Petka - LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 - 2012 Mideast Division Conference Committee Member

### **Distinguished Citizen Award - Silver Level**

Department of Delaware

Richard Tanner

Department of Maryland

Ed Ross

Department of North Carolina

Bruce Rakfeldt

Department of Virginia

Bruce Steeley

Department of West Virginia

John B. Nanny

Capital Marine Detachment 516

Charles R. LaBerge

D.C. Marines Detachment 382

John Kovalcik

London UK Detachment 1088

Michael Allen

Puerto Rico Detachment 916

George J. Yiaski

### **Distinguished Citizen Award - Silver Level**

NVC:	Arvel "Bud" Raines
Assistant NVC:	Mike McLain
Judge Advocate:	Gerard F. Devlin
Chief of Staff:	Tommy Grunwell
Adjutant:	Roger Ware
Paymaster:	Harry Kesecker
Credentials Chairman	Wally Darling
Aide-de-Camp:	Bill Chapman
Aide-de-Camp:	John "Jack" Severn
Sgt-at-Arms:	Charles Minton
Sgt-at-Arms:	Jeffrey Jones
Web Sergeant:	Jim Haslam
Marine For Life:	Ernest J. "Ernie" Lutz
VAVS/Legislative:	James D. Luther
Nat ADC:	Rudy Garcia

### **Dept of WV Distinguished Citizen Award - Silver Level**

George O. Gill:	Department Adjutant/Paymaster
Raymond Cartwright:	Department Judge Advocate
Steven Swenton:	Department Web Sgt
Richard Shank II:	Chairman Boy Scout Committee

### **Professional Development Training**

Developing officers and members to perform their jobs is the goal and objective of training. The department can provide guidelines and offer support to detachments in this area. However, each detachment has to accept the responsibility for seeing their officers and members are trained to do the tasks which they have been assigned. Understanding all duties and responsibilities is the first step, followed by understanding goals and objectives, and how to perform their jobs. The National, Department and Detachment by-Laws and Administrative Procedures, The Guidebook for Detachment Officers and the Ritual Manual are all sources of information that will improve the knowledge and effectiveness of all members. A good working knowledge of these sources of information is a necessity and a requirement. Most of our disciplining problems stem from the lack of knowledge and training.

National Headquarters has prepared an excellent Professional Development Program (PDP) that can be downloaded and utilized within each detachment in the Mideast Division. Here is the link:

<http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php?module=ContentExpress&func=display&ceid=76>.

Every department and detachment commandant is required to ensure that professional development training is implemented in their unit.

Training and acquiring knowledge on how to improve skills and capabilities to make the detachment organization more effective should be an ongoing process. Marines go through boot camp and specialized training which is an indoctrination and basic skill learning process. As a Marine advances, his knowledge and capability skills are enhanced through training in an ongoing process designed to improve the capability of the organization. It is no different with a detachment in the Marine Corps League.

Emphasis on training is generally subordinated to immediate issues at hand, or ignored, in hopes that individuals will learn their job through trial and error. However, look at the most successful organizations, whether business, volunteer or military, they are successful because of a very vigorous training program.

The responsibility is on the detachment to see that officers and members are properly trained. The Detachment should be committed to training and conducting its own training sessions. The Guidebook for Detachment Officers states, "it is strongly recommended that training sessions be scheduled within sixty (60) days of the annual installation of the Detachment Officers."

### **Public Relations and Recruiting**

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

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

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

Some other reasons for joining the League:

Participating in patriotic events, ceremonies, parades and color guards.  
Developing and supporting programs to cultivate positive youth activities.  
Providing service for and supporting the annual Toys for Tots campaign.  
Developing and/or assisting in veterans programs that support veterans in need such as VAVS programs at VA hospitals.  
Supporting active duty Marines their units, and families.  
Developing programs and events that raise funds for detachment and MCL objectives.  
Developing programs of special interest to honor Marines on special occasions and events.  
Supporting and/or developing programs that lend assistance to those in need within the community.  
Taking care to support members, Marines and their families in time of distress, or need.  
Developing social events on a regular basis that encourages detachment esprit de corps.  
Acknowledging members, active duty Marines and community citizens for deeds and actions.  
Participating members need challenges by setting goals and objectives that will stimulate interest and stretch capabilities that will draw members to meetings and activities.

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

(Please modify to fit your needs)

Dear Marine,

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

The purposes of the Marine Corps League are as follows:

1. To preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the U.S. Marine Corps.
2. To band together in friendship those who are now serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.
3. To fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as private citizens as they have served the nation under arms.
4. To hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to this nation.
5. To foster love for the principles supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic.
6. To maintain true allegiance to American institutions.
7. To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civilian life.
8. To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as their spouses and dependents.
9. To perpetuate the history of the U.S. Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Here are some projects that the Detachment supports:

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

Our detachment continues to grow and we are asking for your help in allowing us to continue the enhancement of the Marine Corps' visibility in the region and throughout the state. Your dues help provide operating funds to continue supporting the events and activities we sponsor and provide. We are also conducting a survey and asking for various reasons why our inactive members let their memberships lapse and what would entice them to return to the League. We would appreciate any comments on this. We have previously approved your application for membership based on your presentation of a DD214 or discharge papers.

We are asking you to please pay your reinstatement fee so we can continue your active membership. You will again receive the Marine Corps League Semper Fi magazine. We are enclosing a membership application for your completion.

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

Thank you for your consideration

Semper Fidelis,

Commandant

## Calendar of Events

2012 MCL National Convention Aug 12-18 at Renaissance, Mobile, Alabama in the Battle House Hotel & Spa Mobile and Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel. Tel: 1-800-922-3298 or 251-438-4000. Room rates \$107.00 plus 14% tax Hosted by P.L. Wilson Detachment 447.

2012 Modern Day Marine Expo is Sept. 25-27, 2012 at MCB, Quantico, VA.

2013 Midwinter National Staff Conference will be Feb 7-9, 2013 at Fairview Park

Marriott in Falls Church, VA Tel: 1-703-849-9400 or toll free 1-800-246-8357.

Advance payment room rate is \$89.00 plus tax which is non refundable and does not include breakfast.

2013 Mideast Division Marine Corps League Annual Convention will be held June 28-30, 2013 in Hagerstown, MD.

2013 MCL National Convention will be at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe Ave NW in Grand Rapids, MI  
Reservations: 1-800-253-3590. Rooms \$110 plus 14% tax per night, includes free hot breakfast, self parking and internet in guest rooms.

Semper Fidelis,

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