



Mideast Division Bulletin 3-13 - August 2013

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 . Bruce Rakfeldt MCLBruceRakfeldt@triad.rr.com The Division web site is: www.mclmideastdiv.org. The Chain of Command is: Individual - Detachment - Department - Division - National.

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-- National Convention Commandants Council

To: All Division Vice Commandants and Department Commandants

Subject: National Convention Commandants Council - August 5, 2013

A new topic will be "Your Vision and Your Solutions." We will open for a group discussion. "Vision without Action is Just a Dream."

Needed:

01. Your Department Strength
02. Increase or Decrease from the Commandants Council of 2012.
03. Reasons for Plus or Minus
04. Program for Recruiting or Retention
05. Professional Development, Are you Implementing the Program
06. Delinquent Members, How do you Handle
07. Do you have a Marine for Life Representative
08. Have you had any interaction with the MCL Foundation.
09. Chapter Nine Activities

John Kovalcik NSRC

Mideast Division Conference Summary

The Conference was held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Hagerstown, MD hosted by Dept of MD and Antietam Detachment #113. Ms. Ann Brown, Director, Martinsburg, WV VA Medical Center was the joint opening ceremony speaker. Colonel David Rowe, Royal Marines (Ret'd) was the banquet speaker. The 2013 Division Marine of the Year recipient was Bud Raines, Dept of MD. The Division "Golden Boy" Rifle raffle was won by Clark Mayer, Dept of MD.

Quarterly Membership Roster

When Department Commandants and Paymasters as well as Detachment Paymasters receive their National Membership Roster dated 6/30/13 the last page will have information listing your Charter date, incorporation, EIN and date of last PLM audit, etc. These items need to be reviewed and updated as necessary.

Mideast Division Financial Report

Beginning balance:	\$1,398.27
Income:	\$1,601.00
Current balance:	\$2,999.27
Expenses	
Printing:	\$213.91
Rifle :	\$485.00
Total expenses:	\$698.91
Reconciled balance	\$2300.36

Recruiting Young Members into the League

Across the nation all military service organizations are having a difficult time recruiting young members. Reflecting back to when most of us were in middle or high school, only the boys played sports and the parents rarely traveled to away games. Times have really changed now as boys and girls participate in numerous sports activities in school, or are members of cheerleading squads, 4H groups, Scouts or other clubs in school. Their parents have become soccer parents and actively support their children's sports or other activity, and travel to most away games. Many parents have to both work and being involved with their children's activities leaves them little time for anything else. Some families only have one automobile and it might be needed to attend some activity with the children. Please keep these thoughts in mind when talking to our younger Marines, stay positive and offer encouragement when you can. That's another reason why it's so important to keep the members we have now, we just do not want to forget them once we sign them up, so keep in contact with all your detachment members. Imagine if new members joins and then if no one makes contact with them except when their dues are payable, they will most likely not renew. Mentoring new members is important as well as staying in touch with all others too. Try to have your membership committee members contact every member every 2-3 months and pass on info about detachment activities and pending events and offer to do what you can to assist them.

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2013 National Proposed Bylaws Change on Life Member Fee

National MCL has a proposed 2013 National Bylaws change to increase the life member fee for the last tier of the life member fee for age 61 and over. At present here is the fee for life members from age 51-60 is \$300. Age 61 and over is \$150. National proposes this. Age 51-64 - \$300 and age 65 and over is \$200. Please note the change for age 61, 62, 63 is \$150 more than the current \$150. Plus age 65 would increase \$50 to \$200.

I would suggest if you have any members who age 61 and over to pay the current life member fee of \$150 because if this new change is approved at the National Convention, anyone age 61- 64 would double their current fee of \$150 to \$300. More than 50% of the members in the MCL are life members so you can see that this proposed bylaws change has a chance of being approved because of the high percentage of life members attending the National Convention. It will not cost them any additional funds and since National is not asking for an increase in the annual dues, the membership might approve this proposed bylaws. I would highly recommend that if there are any members who are age 61 and over who are not life members, that they consider paying the current fee of \$150 which will save them additional funds if this change is approved. You can see the change reflected above. Remember that all approved National Bylaws change are effective at the close of the National Convention so if there are members who want to beat this increase they need to take action now. Please pass to all concerned.

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IRS Form 990-N e-file

All Detachments are nonprofit organizations and are required to file an annual IRS Form 990-N return regardless of their income. The fiscal year ends for all detachments on June 30 yearly so you can file your 990 N efile after July 1. Log on <http://epostcard.form990.org/> and then just follow the instructions to complete the form 990-N. There's only a few questions. Have your EIN to help log in. You will receive an email confirmation from IRS. National Administrative Procedures Section 800 requires that each detachment forward a copy of this IRS confirmation to National Adjutant/Paymaster Meg Thoburn at mthoburn@mcleague.org and also forward a copy to the Department Paymaster. National utilizes these 990 reports to update the annual report required by the Group Exemption filing requirements to IRS. Failure to file the 990 N to IRS, can subject your detachment to lose it's exempt non-profit status.

Make Annual Verification of Paid Life Members

Another reminder is sent to all detachments to verify their Paid Life Members (PLM) listed on the membership roster dated 6/30/13 from MCL National. Upon receipt is the best time to do this so it's not forgotten. These are due at National before Dec. 31 annually. The Detachment Commandant and Paymaster must sign a statement on the original copy that they certify and annotate that the life member list is audited and is true and accurate and that there are no changes and forward the original to your Dept

Paymaster. If there are any changes make them on your original roster and send documentation as necessary. The Department Paymaster will send this to the National Adjutant/Paymaster. Ref: National Bylaws Sections 645 and 646. The 2013 annual interest is \$3.26 per PLM and the payment should have been received.

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Calendar of Events .

2013 Modern Day Marine Expo will be September 24-26 at Quantico MCB.

2014 Department of WV Department Convention will be May 2-4, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, WV hosted by Eastern Panhandle Detachment 1143

2014 Mideast Division Conference will be June 27-29, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, WV hosted by Eastern Panhandle Detachment 1143.

2014 MCL National Convention will be August 3 - August 9, 2014 at Embassy Suites (\$114.00 plus 12% tax) and Town Center Marriott (\$119.00 plus 12% tax) in Charleston, WV.

Semper Fidelis,

Bud Raines
NVC, Mideast Division