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Commandant Joe Hughes

Welcome back to a somewhat normal Marine Corps League schedule. Our Detachments are holding monthly meetings and electing officers for 2021-2022 Fiscal year.

At this year's Spring Midwest Division Conference, a two-hour session was presented on the new Marine Corps League Information System. The system is well on its way to providing the information we need at the Detachment and Department level. All our needs are being addressed with some still in development.

Each Detachment will have two individuals who can update MCL Member profiles in the Detachment database without submitting paperwork to Headquarters. Procedures are outlined on the

Midwest Division Training website, "MCL Database Detachment Level Procedures". Commandants, please review Detachment procedures on the Midwest Division Training website. The two people designated to fill this role in a Detachment are the Commandant and the Adjutant or Adjutant / Paymaster. I suggest we register current officers after your 2021-2022 elections. Please contact me for your Detachments database registration names after Officer installation, I will complete the registration process.

We will offer the same database training session which was presented at the Midwest Division Conference at our Department of Kansas Conference meeting June 5th in Salina, KS. Commandants and the Adjutants or Adjutant / Paymasters this is your opportunity to have face to face training and a question-and-answer session on the new procedures.

Next, I want to address a few housekeeping tasks with the Commandants. Upon election of your Officers, fill out the new Report of Installation

(ROI). The new procedures and form can be found on the Midwest Division Training website. Forms must be complete, or they will be returned by the Department Paymaster. Note, make sure your new ROI matches the names on your Secretary of State paperwork. Update if needed, this is a legal document that must be maintained when you have a change in officers.

The Transmittal form and procedures are also new. The new procedures and form can be found on the Midwest Division Training website. Forms must be complete, or they will be returned by the Department Paymaster.

Download and use the new ROI and Transmittal forms from this website now. The current roster from the new database has been sent to each Commandant. This roster contains the new Profile ID number for each member in the Detachment.

Midwest Division Training website:
<http://www.mcleaguekansas.com/midwest.html>

The Department of Kansas Detachments were 100% current with 990's, Secretary of State and Permanent Life Member Audits. The only Department in this prestigious category in the Division.

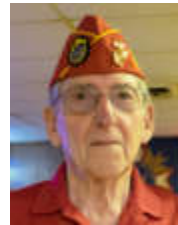


The Midwest Division also provided a rare and incredibly special opportunity to witness the presentation of the Marine Corps League Heroism Award. The Saturday evening banquet included the presentation of the Marine Corps League Heroism

Award to Kenneth "KC" Holsey for emergency lifesaving actions while rendering aid to Eldon "Doc" Holsey, his father in a hunting accident. Eldon "Doc" Holsey is a Marine Corps League member, Air Capital Detachment and Midwest Division Sgt At Arms.

I hope to see everyone in Salina, KS at our Department of Kansas Conference.

Semper Fi,
Joe Hughes
Joehughes50@gmail.com



Sr Vice George Waugh

Spring is here and everyone has a lot of energy from being cooped up most of the winter. Ahead of us is Armed Forces Day as well as Independence Day.

We have a lot of time to plan on ways to get our message out to Veteran Marines and Navy Corpsmen as we strive to increase our membership. Get your committees working on new ways to spread the word. If you can, plan to attend as many of the Conferences you can. Good way to make new friends and get new ideas.

Semper Fi,
George Waugh



Jr Vice Larry Cushenbery

Since the last report most of us have returned to more "Normal" activities and in person meetings. Some of us had COVID and recovered, some received vaccines, but all are making an attempt to get back to regular activities as the local restrictions allow. It was good to see those of you who made it to the Midwest Conference in Wichita this past weekend, it was an excellent opportunity to

socialize and learn a few things from the training provided. A BIG OOORAH to those who made it happen. Just a reminder to all that we need to communicate, to any Marines we know or meet, about the Marine Corps League. Make them aware of the opportunity it provides for camaraderie and fellowship with fellow Marines. Anyone that has ideas that they think would entice Marines to want to join please pass on your ideas. I know part of the challenge of attracting younger Marines is that they are more of the generation that use a lot of social media. It was discussed at the Midwest Conference that the "Young Marine Program." could be a tool to reach more people and give us more community exposure. I will be looking forward to seeing all Kansas Department members at the Department of Kansas Conference 05 June 21 in Salina. Until then be safe and continue looking for new members.

Semper Fi,
Larry Cushenbery



Judge Advocate Bryson Allen

Having just finished a great weekend at the Midwest Division Spring Conference, I am reminded that the Scuttlebutt is calling. As far as the Judge advocate duties this year has been most pleasant. All Detachments have submitted their new bylaws and as of this date there have been Zero complaints or charges, Let's keep it that way. Stay safe and remember the old Situation Awareness training we all had in years past.

Semper Fi,
Bryson Allen



Adj. / Paymaster Harvey Harris

Spring is here and now is the time to get all our

administrative duties complete. Shortly after the 2021 Spring Midwest Division Conference it will be time for elections and installations, remember to send a copy of your Report of Officer Installation (ROI) and in July complete and forward to Department Paymaster a copy of you IRS 990, Kansas Secretary of State Not for Profit registration, and while you are at it may as well complete and forward your Life member Audit report. By doing this in July three quarters of the paymaster work will be complete for the year. Detachment Rosters, New Report Forms: I can print rosters for your detachment upon request. I will send the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster a copy each quarter, starting with April 2021. They are as correct as we can make them at this time. Please check over the information and get back to me with any changes that may need to be made. Assistant Division Vice Joe Hughes, and National Vice Commandant Jan Denney have developed an updated report that includes the Profile number for members. The new report is to be used after receipt at April Division Conference in Wichita. The new report forms at present time include, ROI, Transmittal, to be used for renewals, new members and Notice of Death. A Life Member Audit form is under development and should be ready by April. All updated forms will be covered at Spring Conference, so I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Wichita.

Semper Fidelis,
Harvey L. Harris



Chaplain Wes Topel

I recently watched the movie "Rush" on Netflix. It was an entertaining portrayal of the intense rivalry of two ego-driven Formula 1 racers during the 1970s. The movie begins with one of the rival drivers, Niki Lauda, narrating the following quote:

"Twenty-five *drivers* start *every* season in Formula One, and *each year* two of us die. What kind of

person does a job like this? Not normal men, for sure.”

As the movie progresses, you learn what kind of men these two really are. They are self-centered, Type A personalities that are extremely competitive. They both chase the glory, fame and fortune of being crowned world champion racers.

As I watched the movie, I agreed they were not normal men. But it made me think of another abnormal breed of men and women. Those that volunteered and did a much less glamorous job than driving a car around a track. Those that did a job often with greater danger and fear of death. The difference is these men and women were selfless and dedicated to their fellow brothers and sisters in arms. They did not seek glory, fame, medals or commendation. Any many, many gave their lives in the defense of our freedom.

Memorial Day will be here soon. I hope we all take time to reflect on the freedom we enjoy and the blood that was shed and continues to be shed to protect it.

Detachment Chaplains

Report all membership deaths utilizing the [Notice of Death](#) form. Download form from <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Notice-of-Death.pdf>

Complete the form and email to:

Department Chaplain Wes Topel
Wes.topel@gmail.com

OR

Complete the form; keep one (1) copy and mail the balance to: Department Chaplain Wes Topel, 520 W. Court, Smith Center, Ks 66967.

The Department Chaplain will forward the forms to Department Paymaster and National HQ. Following this procedure ensures that the Department, National and Semper Fi magazine are correctly informed of your member's death.

Detachment Paymasters

Complete a transmittal listing the deceased member with the Code **NOD** and date of death. Mail Transmittal to: Department of Kansas Paymaster – PO Box 67582 – Topeka, KS 66667-0582

If the NOD is the only item on the transmittal and there is not a check involved, email the transmittal to the Paymaster at hharris@MCLLeague.org

Semper Fi,
Wes Topel



Department of Kansas Detachments

Mount Suribachi Detachment #105

Chartered 9 February 1955

Commandant: Larry Thompson

Adjutant Paymaster Wes Topel

Wes.topel@gmail.com

Meets 2nd Tuesday at 1900 hours

VFW Post 1141

620 A St

Smith Center, KS 66967

Detachment Contact 785.695.2357

Detachment is actively recruiting and will sign 3 to 4 new members in August.

The Detachment members Floyd Bose and Ed Thompson passed away.

Semper Fi,

Larry Thompson, Commandant

B. Gen. William A. Kurtis / SEK Detachment #612

Chartered 6 January 1986

Commandant: Dale Meadows

Adjutant Paymaster Dan Dollison

Dan.dollison@yahoo.com

Meets 3rd Sunday at 1830 hours

VFW Post 1186 113 E Myrtle

Independence, KS 67301

Detachment Contact 620.330.6070

Our SEK Detachment 612 has been able to meet and thankfully, we have not lost any members to COVID. Some have been quarantined and some

have symptoms but for the most part we have survived for which we're very thankful.

We have signed up four new members this year and the Detachment is 100% in membership. Six (6) members plan to attend the Midwest Division Conference in Wichita.

David Fuqua and Dale Meadows posted the colors on April 10th for the Osage 150th ceremony at the IHS Auditorium.

Our April meeting date was changed to the 11th so as not to conflict with the Midwest Division Conference

Semper Fidelis,
Dan Dollison, Adjutant/Paymaster

Gen. Lewis W. Walt Detachment #682

Chartered 18 January 1989

Commandant: Paul McGuire

Adjutant Paymaster Harvey Harris
hharris@MCLLeague.org

Meets 4th Thursday at 1900 hours
VFW Post 1650

3110 SW Huntoon

Topeka, KS 66604

Detachment Contact 785.640.6077

Greeting from a wet spring, at least it is starting to get warm again. Not much to report from the detachment, trying to get our detachment meetings started again. Seems to be a lack of interest or desire so far, the last meeting conducted at the Topeka Shawnee County Library not enough members attended. Only three officers were in attendance. Several items need to be completed for the coming year, member retention, Detachment Officers elected and installed. Hopefully, we are on the downhill side of this COVID invasion and may be able to get back to a new normal. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 Midwest Division Conference in Wichita, April 17th & 18, has been a long time since we have been able to venture far from home.

Semper Fidelis,
Paul McGuire, Commandant

Tri Rivers Detachment #730

Chartered 10 November 1990

Commandant: Larry Cushenbery

Adjutant Paymaster Jan Denney

jadenney@cox.net

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 1900 hours

VFW 1108 W. Crawford

Salina, KS 67401

Detachment Contact 785.826.5087

The Detachment held the election of officers for the 2021 year on 19 January and installed the officers on 16 March. The Detachment officers are:

Larry Cushenbery Commandant

Lucy Voisine Sr Vice

Doug Randolph Jr Vice

Dave Eberhardt Judge Advocate

Jan Denney Adjutant Paymaster

Ron Styles Chaplain

John Voisine Sgt At Arms

Randy Carlson Jr Past Commandant

The Detachment host the Department of Kansas Conference on 12 June 2021. See details under the Events heading

Semper Fidelis,
Jan Denney, Adjutant / Paymaster

Edwin A Schumacher Detachment #740

Chartered 11 November 1990

Commandant: Dan Dischner

Adjutant Paymaster Joshua Enslow

joshuawsu@gmail.com

Meets 1st Tuesday at 1930 hours

VFW Post

22nd & Vine

Hays, KS. 67601

Detachment Contact 785.261.0779

As the new Commandant of Detachment 740, I hope to continue the good work we have done and add a few programs in hopes of making the detachment more visible. By doing so I hope we will convince more Marines to join us in our efforts. One of these programs will be a Toys for Tots drive. I have become the coordinator for Ellis County and two adjacent counties. I hope to get many of our Marines and others involved in this drive to make it a large success this year.

Semper Fi,
Dan Dischner-Commandant Elect

Air Capital Detachment #773

Chartered 30 June 1994

Commandant: Alan Daniels

Paymaster Andy Babb

notalus@gmail.com

Meets 3rd Tuesday

Social Time 1830

Meeting 1900 hours

American Legion Post 4

816 North Water St

Wichita, KS 67203

Detachment Contact 316.342.6209

NO REPORT

Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025

Chartered 13 December 1999

Commandant: Joel Wilson

Paymaster Bill Clinton

bdclint@sbcglobal.net

Meets 4th Wednesday at 1900 hours

VFW Post 7397

9550 Pflumm Road

Lenexa, KS 66215

Detachment Contact 913-492-1199

We kicked off the new year with a speaker series following our regular membership meeting. We heard from Max Dewese about his time in service February, we heard from Joel Wilson and Steve Thomas about their tours on Embassy duty in March, and this month we will be hearing from one of our members about the Tomahawk missiles. We have several events in March. First, we had an Iwo Jima remembrance ceremony and recognized Jerry Ingram for his service. Second, we helped Max Dewese celebrate his 100th birthday. Third, we recognized the founder of a local non-profit that does tremendous things for the military community, Paul Chapa of Friends In Service of Heroes (FISH).



MIDWEST DIVISION
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



Thank you to all members who attended the Midwest Division Spring Conference in Wichita. A special thanks to Air Capital Division for hosting the Conference.

Semper Fidelis,

Jan A. Denney MWD NVC

National Vice Commandant (NVC)

Midwest Division

jdenney@MCLeague.org

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs



PDD Jan Denney 93-056

Worthy Pack Leader

Kansas Pack

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs

WOOF, WOOF!

The Kansas Pack hosted a Growl of the Pack at the Midwest Division Spring Conference. The Dogs of the Division are a highly active group, and they raised a truck load of Big Bones for the Children.

There will be a Grand Growl of the Kansas Pack on 12 June 2021 in Salina, Kansas following the Department of Kansas Conference.

I will not be a candidate for Worthy Pack Leader. If you are interested in running for a office in the Pack, be in attendance.

WOOF, WOOF!

PDD Jan Denney 93-056

Worthy Kansas Pack Leader

The MCL 2021 National Convention will be held in Springfield, IL in August, if any Devil Dogs that meet the time requirements desire to upgrade to Pedigree Devil Dog, (PDD) at the Supreme Growl during National get me the advancement form before June 1. It is about time for your second Pound Growl of the year. Have Fun

Semper Woofing,
PDD Harvey Harris
Kansas Pack Dog Robber

Kennel Website: www.moddkennel.org
Kansas Pack Website:
<http://www.mcleaguekansas.com/modd.html>

Kansas Pack Officers 2019-2020

Pack Leader: PDD Jan Denney
jadenney@cox.net
785-826-5087

Pack Dog Robber: PDD Harvey Harris
hharris@MCLLeague.org
785.640.6077

Sr. Vice: PDD Dan Dollison
Jr. Vice: PDD Harvey Harris
Smart Dog: PDD Bryson Allen
Dog Trainer: PDD Larry Cushenbery
Mad Dog: PDD Doc Holsey
Police Dog: PDD Tom Huxtable
Watch Dog: PDD Joe Hughes
Barking Dog: Open



TAPS

Jimmie R. Woods Air Capital Detachment #773
DOD 2/10/2-21

Floyd Bose Mount Suribachi Detachment #105
DOD 2/25/2921

TAPS information is from Death Notices received by the
Department Chaplain as submitted from each Detachment.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Midwest Division Spring Conference

Department of Kansas
2021 Conference
12 June 2021
VFW Post 1432
1108 W. Crawford Salina, KS 67401

Registration Fee \$5.00
Payable at the door.

0800 Registration
0900 Business Meeting
1200 Lunch (Provided)
1300 Business Mtg Continues (if needed)
MODD Growl follows Mtg.



2021 MCL National Convention
and
MODD Supreme Growl
August 9-13, 2021
Wyndham Springfield City Center
700 E Adams St
Springfield, IL 62701



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Topeka, KS 66667-0582



Marine Corps League
National Headquarters

MCL National Website
<http://www.mclnational.org/>

Mailing Address:
Marine Corps League National Headquarters
3619 Jefferson Davis Highway Suite 115
Stafford, VA 22554

MCL Library – Documents and Forms that are available to download.

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/>

Websites of Interest

Department of Kansas Website

<http://www.mcleaguekansas.com/home.html>

Midwest Division Website

<http://www.midwestdivisionmarinecorpsleague.org/>

Military Order of the Devil Dogs

<http://www.moddkennel.org/>

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