



The SUNFLOWER "SCUTTLEBUTT"

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Commandant Jan Denney

I am honored to be elected Department Commandant for 2016-2017. Thank you for your support and trust. The Department is blessed with a great staff that works very hard on behalf of all Detachments within the Department. Thanks to all who stepped up to serve as a Department Officer. Please feel free to contact me with any question or concerns about Department operations.

The General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment 1025 did an outstanding job hosting the Department Conference. My thanks to all involved in making the Conference a great success. Air Capital Detachment will be the host detachment for the

2017 Department Conference to be held on 10 June in Wichita. Additional information will follow.

The 2016 By-Law Proposed Changes are available from the National Website.
<http://www.mclnational.org/Documents/NationalByLaws/2016ProposedChanges/tabid/1017/Default.aspx>

Detachment Commandants should review at their next detachment meeting, ask for your members to vote up or down on each By-Law Change and report the vote to me before 1 August. I will vote the general consensus of the Department at the National Convention.

We have two (2) great opportunities to attend a National Convention in our back yard. I hope to see you in Tulsa this year and in Kansas City in 2017.

Semper Fidelis,
Jan Denney 785-826-5087



Sr. Vice Commandant Joe Hughes

I am contributing to Scuttlebutt for the first time as Sr. Vice Commandant, thank you for your vote and the opportunity to serve the Marine Corps League at the Department of Kansas level.

I care about our Marine Corps League and each Detachment in Kansas. I will make every effort to attend your Detachment meetings and become involved.

There is now a new Department of Kansas website and it is up and running. Please take the time to visit and give it a test run. If you feel something is missing go to the "Contact" tab and send an email to Jan Denney, Commandant.

If you have a website or Facebook site, please provide the link and we will add it to the Department website.

This quarter's message: Don't wait to be asked! Volunteer, after all, you did volunteer for the Marine Corps. Make sure to volunteer where your talents will be best used. Trust me it can be fun.

Semper Fi,
Joe Hughes



Jr. Vice Commandant Tom Huxtable

No Report

Semper Fi,
Tom Huxtable



Adj / Paymaster Harvey Harris

Greetings Detachment Paymasters! The time is almost upon us to renew our Not-for-Profit status with the Sec of State for another year. Most of the Detachments are due July 1. 990's renewals will also be due 1 July for the tax year followed by the Life Member Audits. I know the LMA IS NOT DUE UNTIL December but may as well get it over with now as the 30 June roster is used to update the list. Remember the both Detachment Commandant and Paymaster are required to sign the form as being correct.

As you read this article, the Department's 2016 Conference will be history, I would like to congratulate Commandant Denney on his election as the Department Commandant, and thank him for re-appointing me as the Department Paymaster again. We as a Department have a great slate of Officers and this will make the job a lot easier to complete.

Scuttlebutt Booster Club increased by \$30.00. I collected \$10.00 each from Paul McGuire, Tom Huxtable and Rich Pustka. Thank You!

Semper Fidelis,
Harvey L. Harris, ADVC
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Judge Advocate Bryson Allen

Do to my recent surgery my article will be brief this month. I want to thank all those who sent well wishes and send caution every member to remember, DO NOT wear your uniform if you are campaigning for the candidate of your choice.

Also, congratulations to all those who stepped up to serve.

Semper Fidelis,
Bryson L. Allen



Chaplain Robert Patterson

There is much uncertainty and anxiousness in America right now. These feelings have developed due to the atrocities and violence that have occurred in our schools, work places, places of worship and on our streets. We hear the heated words of the political season and our people become concerned and fearful.

Let these words calm our lives and make us better people as we relate to each other every day:

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Detachments: Report all membership deaths utilizing the Notice of Death forms. Complete the form; keep 1 copy and mail the balance to:

**Department Chaplain Robert Patterson
14323 Marty Street,
Overland Park, Ks. 66223-2290.**

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

Semper Fidelis,
Robert Patterson
Department Chaplain



Pictured Left to Right: Sgt At Arms Doc Holsey; Judge Advocate Bryson Allen; Sr Vice Joe Hughes; Commandant Jan Denney; Jr Vice Tom Huxtable and Adjutant Paymaster Harvey Harris.

Department of Kansas Detachments

Mount Suribachi Detachment #105

Meets 2nd Tuesday at 1900 hours

VFW 620 A St

Smith Center, KS 66967

Phone 785.695.2357

The Detachment participated in 2016 Memorial Day Ceremonies. Firing Squad pictured below.



7 July Mt Suribachi Detachment members will have a Summer BBQ at the residence of Commandant Larry Thompson and Darla Conaway.

Semper Fi,
Larry Thompson, Commandant

Tri Rivers Detachment #730

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 1900 hours

VFW 1108 W. Crawford
Salina, KS 67401
Phone 785.826.5087

The Detachment Color Guard participated in the Police Officer Memorial Day ceremonies as well as three (3) Memorial Day Ceremonies on 30 May.

The Detachment Picnic will be held at Jerry Ivey Memorial Park at 1830 hours. Family, friends and prospective members are welcomed to attend.

David Eberhart and Jan Denney attended the Midwest Spring Conference in Overland Park.

Alvie Furbeck, David Eberhart and Jan Denney attended the Department of Kansas Conference in Lenexa on 11 June and will attend the Marine Corps League National Convention in August.

The Detachment mourns the loss of a longtime member with the death of Eleanor Gustafson. Eleanor served in the Military Police during World War II.

Semper Fidelis,
Jan Denney, Adjutant / Paymaster

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

Meets 3rd Sunday at 1830 hours
VFW Post 1186 113 E Myrtle
Independence, KS 67301
Phone 620.331.1874

Our Detachment although getting smaller, is still active. We provided the color guard for the flag raising at the Mound Valley Cemetery Memorial weekend program on Saturday, May 28th. Also, we participated in the Memorial Day program in Independence on Monday, May 30th.

Commandant Tony Cook, Sr. Vice Commandant Charles Davis and Adjutant/Paymaster Dan Dollison attended the MCL Dept. of Kansas meeting in Lenexa, Ks on Saturday, June 11th. The Memorial Service, with the active duty Marines providing the Color Guard and the General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment the firing squad was impressive and their Detachment is to be commended for their efforts in hosting the meeting.

Our Detachment will be having a family picnic on Saturday, July 16th commencing at 1100. This event is to help in recruiting new members and fun time for all. It will take place at the William R. Leonard Memorial gazebo located in Riverside Park in Independence. We will not have any meetings in July or August so our next regular meeting will be September 18th.

Semper Fidelis,
Dan Dollison, Adjutant/Paymaster

Gen. Lewis W. Walt Detachment #682

Meets 4th Thursday at 1900 hours
VFW Post 1650
Topeka, KS 66604
Phone 785.273.2149

Our Marine Corps League has been very busy these last few months. We voted to form as many as 4 or 5 man pistol match teams as we can find. We have secured an all-weather outdoor range and will soon be starting to build our targets according to outlined rules.

We have also five (5) gun shows this year where we will auction of a shotgun. We have just finished our Marine Roses for the Year with good results.

We are hoping to have a hotdog and hamburger BBQ for our Gold Star parents to Honor their Heroes. We are attempting to locate all Gold Star Parents.

We are working to get our membership more active and to help with all the programs we need to accomplish in order to have a successful year.

Semper Fidelis,
Paul McGuire
Commandant

Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025

Meets 4th Wednesday at 1900 hours
VFW Post 7397
9550 Pflumm Road
Lenexa, KS 66215
(913) 492-1199

The General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment hosted the June MCL Department of Kansas 2016

Conference in Lenexa, KS at the VFW Post. The conference was well attended. The meeting was conducted by our Commandant Jan Denney, Harvey Harris reviewed all the proposed By-Law & Procedure changes to be voted on at this year's National Convention in Tulsa. The membership in attendance voted on the election of 2016-2017 MCL Department of Kansas Officers. Our M/SGT Luis Romero Jr. Auxiliary Unit served lunch. Following the meeting the Kansas Devil Dog Pack held their Growl.

The Detachment participated in a Veterans Memorial Service at the VFW Post. We provided a Firing Detail and Color Guard. In addition a couple of successful fundraisers were also conducted at Rawhide Harley Davidson bike events, we smoked and sold Bar-B-Que sandwiches.

The 2017 MCL National Convention Committee met regularly and is on schedule in their preparation for a presentation at the 2016 National Convention in Tulsa.

Semper Fi,

Joe Hughes,
Detachment Communications

Air Capital Detachment #773

Meets 3rd Tuesday
Social Time 1830
Meeting 1900 hours
American Legion 101 E 31st St South
Wichita, KS 67216-1002
Phone 316.259.4172

The Air Capital Detachment will host the 2017 Department of Kansas Conference on 10 June 2017.

The location and times will be announced in the near future.

Semper Fi,
Rick Pustka, Commandant

Edwin A Schumacher Detachment #740

Meets 1st Monday at 1930 hours
Camper & RV Center 709 Canterbury
Hays, KS 67601
Phone 785.628.3067

NO REPORT

Semper Fi,
Asher C. White, Chaplain

***DEPARTMENT of KANSAS CONFERENCE
11 JUNE 2016
LENEXA, KANSAS***





Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Detachment Firing Squad



THE MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

Greetings from the Kansas Pack.

Woof! Woof!

Greetings to all of you Devil Dogs out there.



Marcia Sands and Acting Chaplain Tom Huxtable

The gavel has been passed from PDD Bryson Allen to myself, Eldon "Doc" Holsey as your "Worthy Pack Leader". Big shoes to fill, because Bryson has big feet, however with the other MODD Kansas Pack Officers, we are going to have lots of entertainment and "Bones" to pass around.

Sorry a lot of you could not be at the Department Grand Growl, we had a very good time bringing in some new two new "Pups"; Ken Fain and George Waugh and re-instated "Pup" Marcia Sands, former member of Pound 196 and now transferring to Pound 365. (Welcome back Marcia). We also advanced to "Devil Dog" several members; Forrest "Doc" Evans, John Byrnes, Larry Cushenbery, Rick "Doc" Pustka, Joe Hughes and William Baily. Congratulations to all and welcome aboard.



Department of Kansas Marine of the Year 2016



Department Commandant Jan Denney presenting 2016 Department of Kansas Marine of the Year Award to Joe Hughes, Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Detachment

Reminder to all of you who can advance to PDD, the MCL National Convention is in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There are going to be some fun times down there. So, if you can advance this would be a good time to enjoy the rituals and the Kennel Grand Growl. Also, for those who cannot make the Convention at Tulsa, keep in mind that 2017 is going to be held in Kansas City and our own newly advanced Devil Dog Joe Hughes if the Convention Chairman there. So, either place is close and not much travel time getting there and back.

To let all know, our next Growl of the Kansas Pack will be in Wichita, Kansas, June 10, 2017. So make plans on attending this very important gathering. Oh, yeah, there will also be a Department gathering that same day, so plan on attending that function, too. The meeting place and other information will be forthcoming in later issues of the Scuttlebutt.

Joe Hughes, Gen Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025, is the 2016 recipient of Department of Kansas Marine of the Year. Joe was recognized for his contributions to his Detachment and the Department of Kansas, Marine Corps League.

Until then, seek out more members for your detachments and have a good summer!

WOOF-WOOF!
PDD Eldon "Doc" Holsey

Greetings all you hungry Dogs of the Pack: Before long it will be time for the Supreme Growl in Tulsa. The Pack Dog Robber has receive and forwarded the advancement paper work to Kennel from Pound 094, Pound 196 and Pound 365 for the Devil Dogs desiring to advance to Pedigree Devil Dog. *Remember you first must register with the Marine Corps League then go to the Kennel and register (take a copy of your advancement request just in case the Kennel has misplaced the paperwork). You are required to report to the Kennel no later than 1700 Monday, 8 August. If you do not make the 1700 deadline, you **WILL NOT** be eligible for advancement, so report in early and enjoy the fun that awaits you. Remember the Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the "Fun and Honor Society". The goal is to have fun, and you will.

Semper Woofing,
PDD Harvey L. Harris
PK Dog Robber

Kansas Pack Officers 2016-17

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docmf70@gmail.com
316-774-0752

Dog Robber: PDD Harvey Harris
harvey.harris@att.net
785.640.6077

Sr. Vice: PDD Dan Dollison

Jr. Vice: PDD Harvey Harris

Smart Dog: PDD Tom Huxtable

Dog Trainer: PDD James Scott

Mad Dog: DD Alvie Furbeck

Police Dog: DD Joe Hughes

Watch Dog: DD John Byrnes

Barking Dog: DD Jan Denney



TAPS

Eleanor Gustafson - Tri Rivers Detachment
Jesse Pacheco - Gen. Lewis Walt Detachment
Wayne Berg – Gen. Lewis Walt Detachment
James Shields – Gen. Lewis Walt Detachment
John Robbins – Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Det.
Lee Nelson – Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Det.
Brian Keith – Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Det.
Frank Begle – Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Det.

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



2016 Marine Corps League National Convention
Hyatt Regency Tulsa Ok.

Aug. 7, 2016 - Aug. 13, 2016.

[Convention Website:](http://www.mclschwabdet857.com/2016-national-convention)
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Scuttlebutt and Booster Club

We are making fundamental changes to the Scuttlebutt and its availability to members.

The cost of printing and mailing the Scuttlebutt is an increasing burden on the Department and its members. Therefore, beginning with this issue and running through the Summer Edition, the following changes will be made in an effort to reduce costs but still deliver the Scuttlebutt to members:

- If a member has an email address, they will receive the email version of the newsletter only.

- If a member has an email address but wants to receive a printed copy, they will be required to join the Booster Club
- The annual fee to join the Booster Club is \$5.00 (A \$20.00 donation receives a 4 year membership.) In addition, donate between April and July and your expiration date will be July, 20xx. (The end date will depend on the amount that you donate)
- Make your check payable to Department of Kansas, MCL and mail to: Dept. of Kansas Paymaster PO Box 67582 Topeka, KS 66667-0582

Do you have a special place for veterans in your community? Send photos and a short description to jadenney@cox.net.

Next Scuttlebutt Deadline is 15 October 2016

A ONCE MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE!

The Scuttlebutt serves to provide information to our members. Send articles and photos of your Detachment to jadenney@cox.net.

If you know a member who is not receiving the email addition and would like to be added to the email address list, have them email a request to jadenney@cox.net

WEBSITES

Department Of Kansas Website
<http://www.mcleaguekansas.com/home.html>

Midwest Division Website
<http://www.midwestdivisionmarinecorpsleague.org/>

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

US Marine Corps History

26 June 1918: BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."

USMC History Division