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Commandant Joe Hughes

Let me start with thanking and acknowledging our past Commandant Jan Denney. Under his leadership our Department has been very successful, active and strong.

I am extremely honored and thankful for your support on my being elected the 2018-2019 Department of Kansas Commandant. With your trust, I will work tirelessly on your behalf to help address any challenges, and to support each Detachment in Kansas when called upon.

Secondly, thanks to all who stepped up to serve as Department Officers. I believe we have a talented team in position to serve you this year.

Please feel free to contact me with any question or concerns about Department operations.

A thank you goes out to South East Kansas #612 in Independence, Kansas for a great 2018 Department meeting. First, we had fun as we should in the League, plus completed our business items. Next year's host will be General Lewis W. Walt Detachment, June 1, 2019 Topeka, Kansas.

I will be attending / representing the Department at this year's National 2018 Marine Corps League Meeting in Buffalo, New York.

Note: All non- life member's 2018-2019 dues is to be paid by September 1, 2018. Paymasters, please start process this process in August.

Department of Kansas website:
<http://www.mcleaguekansas.com/>

Semper Fi,
Joe Hughes
jmhughes@everestkc.net



Sr. Vice Commandant Rick Pustka

I except the position of Senior Vice and am prepared to give every assistance to our Commandant Joe Hughes. I invite any member, in good standing, to contact me directly with any ideas for programs or ideas that will increase the effectiveness of the Department. I am prepared to initiate and implement any approved dynamic program for the good of the Department. Hoorah Marines.

Semper Fi,
Rick “Doc” Pustka



Jr Vice Commandant Paul McGuire

Our Marine Corps league have been busy these last few months, however only a few are meeting the goal of each Detachment. The goal of each member is to recruit new members, and to keep in touch with our existing members to try to keep them involved with the Detachment. If you know of a Detachment that has a successful program, get in touch with them, to find out what is making them successful. We know that almost all Detachments are having difficulties with our membership, but we need to get better at this or the outcome is bleak. Good luck and keep fighting the battle.

Semper Fi
Paul McGuire



Adj. / Paymaster Harvey Harris

The Department of Kansas Conference is now history. A good time was had by all attending. Now is the time to renew all non-Life members. Membership Process: New members: Members who join between August 31 and the last day of February pay \$25.00 and expiration date will be August 31 (of the following year) Members who join between March 1—August 30 pay \$15.00 and expiration date will be August 31 (of the following year) Reinstatement: Members with a reinstatement date of August 31—End of February pay \$20.00 and the new expiration date will be August 31 of the following year. Members with a reinstatement date of March 1—August 30 Pay \$10.00 and the new expiration date will be August 31 of the following year. Then each member will owe \$20.00 each year following August 31. NOW THAT THIS IS CLEAR AS MUD all non-Life members now is the time to renew your memberships with your detachment. The 06-30-2018 National Roster, Department of Kansas listed 58 members due for renewal. Paymasters, as of July 1 Transmittal numbers start at 001. Example 0682-19-001-01.

Detachments should have received their LIFE MEMBERSHIP AUDIT. Commandant and Paymaster must sign and date and return to Department Paymaster.

Semper Fidelis,
Harvey L. Harris, NVC
Department Adjutant / Paymaster
PO Box 67582
Topeka, KS 66667-0582



Judge Advocate Bryson Allen

This has been a very quiet year for your Judge Advocate, but something tells me this is about to change. The National By-Law Changes will be voted on in August and the voices in my head say they will pass. That being the case each Detachment will have to go over their current document to see if “National” is mentioned and if

so your By-Laws will have to be re-written. I will know better after National but all you Detachment JA's should be on your toes and get ready for a re-write.

This has been a quiet spring/summer and with any luck it will remain.

Semper Fi,
Bryson Allen,



Chaplain George Waugh

After proudly displaying our National Colors on Flag Day and enjoying the Fourth of July Festivity, I noticed a large variety of the way people celebrate these events. The one thing that does not change is the way Marines look out and help each other. As we head into the last half of summer and the start of fall season we need to be sure we renew our membership in the League and keep in touch with your other members. If one needs assistance, see what is needed, become involved, volunteer for a committee and be active in your detachment. If you need help, just ask. We all need help from time to time.

Detachment Chaplains

Report all membership deaths utilizing the [Notice of Death](#) forms. Complete the form; keep 1 copy and mail the balance to:

**Department Chaplain George Waugh
10502 W 50th Terrace
Shawnee, Ks 66203-1653**

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 Fi,
George Waugh

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



Jr Past Commandant Jan Denney

It was an honor to serve the Department of Kansas for the past 2 ½ years as your Commandant. I thank my staff officers for their dedication and service to the Department.

The Department is in good hands with the newly elected officers. Commandant Joe Hughes and his staff will continue the work of making the Department of Kansas, MCL an organization of which the members can be proud.

My thanks to Commandant Charles Davis and Adjutant Paymaster Dan Dollison and all the members of B. Gen. William A. Kurtis / SEK Detachment #612 for hosting the Conference.

2018 Department of Kansas Conference Notes

- 5 of 7 Detachments were represented
- 4 of 7 Detachment Commandants attended
- 8 Past Department Commandants were in attendance

Semper Fidelis,
Jan Denney, PDC

Department of Kansas 2018 Officer Installation



(L-R) Judge Advocate Bryson Allen; Chaplain George Waugh; Adjutant Paymaster Harvey Harris; Commandant Joe Hughes; Sr. Vice Commandant Rick Pustka; Jr. Vice Commandant Paul McGuire; Sgt At Arms Eldon "Doc" Holsey.

Department of Kansas 2018 Conference Memorial Services



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 105 Marines were the Firing Detail, presented the Marine Flag, and lay the Wreath at Smith Center Memorial Day Services.

Semper Fi,
 Larry Thompson, Commandant
B. Gen. William A. Kurtis / SEK Detachment #612

Chartered 6 January 1986
 Commandant: Charles Davis
 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 620.331.6951

Our Detachment has been busy. We hosted the Department meeting on June 2nd with five of the seven Detachments represented. Very informative

meeting and we were pleased to be able to have the attendees visit our Veteran's Freedom Square in our Riverside Park. The Memorial was officially dedicated on May 28th.

We had our Pancake/Waffle and sausage breakfast at the VFW on Saturday, June 16th. Did not receive the participation we had hoped for but did better than last year. Kudos to all the leaguers and spouses that helped and especially want to thank our new Commandant Charles Davis for all his efforts. We signed up a new member, Stephen Fincher of Parsons and welcome him to the League.

At our May 20 meeting David Fuqua, Past Commandant installed our new officers: Commandant Charles Davis, Sr. Vice Dale Meadows, Jr. Vice Tony Cook, Adj/Paymaster Dan Dollison, Sgt at Arms, Kenton Holloway, Chaplain, Mike Prunty, Judge Advocate, Darla Fullerton and Jr. Past Commandant Tony Cook.

We will have our annual picnic to recruit new members on Saturday, July 21st in Riverside Park at the William R. Leonard gazebo. The picnic will be from 10:30 till?

Semper Fidelis,
 Dan Dollison, Adjutant/Paymaster

Gen. Lewis W. Walt Detachment #682

Chartered 18 January 1989
 Commandant: Paul McGuire
 Adjutant Paymaster Harvey Harris
hharris@MCLeague.org
 Meets 4th Thursday at 1900 hours
 VFW Post 1650
 3110 SW Huntoon
 Topeka, KS 66604
 Detachment Contact 785.640.6077

NO REPORT
 Semper Fidelis,
 General Walt Detachment

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 Color Guard participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies conducted at Gypsum Hill and Roselawn Cemeteries in addition to the ceremonies at the Salina / Saline County War Memorial in Sunset Park. Commandant Cushenbery, David Eberhart, Randy Carlson, John Voisine, Lucy Voisine, David Nichols and Jan Denney represented the Detachment.



The Detachment was well represented at the 2018 Department of Kansas Conference in Independence. Commandant Larry Cushenbery, Sr Vice Alvie Furbeck, Judge Advocate David Eberhart, Adjutant / Paymaster Jan Denney, John Voisine and Lucy Voisine were in attendance.

The Detachment Summer picnic was held on 19 June in Jerry Ivey Park. Members and families were joined by local USMC Recruiter and two poolers for an evening of great food and fellowship.

Semper Fidelis,
Jan Denney, Adjutant / Paymaster

Edwin A Schumacher Detachment #740

Chartered 11 November 1990
Commandant: Bob Munsch
Adjutant Paymaster Joshua Enslow
joshuawsu@gmail.com
Meets 1st Tuesday at 1930 hours
National Guard Armory
Main St.
Hays, KS. 67601
Detachment Contact 785.261.0779

On Wednesday, May 30, the Edwin A. Schumacher Det. 740 in Hays partnered with IHOP to raise funds for the Semper Fi Fund. Any veteran customer got 10% off their meal and IHOP donated 10% to our detachment. Hundreds of dollars were raised and will be sent to the Semper Fi Fund.

Gov. Jeff Colyer signed a proclamation in May that Saturday, June 16, was Kansas Merci Boxcar Day. The Kansas Merci Boxcar is located at Veterans Park in Hays. The Merci Boxcar was a gift from France following WWI. The organization has made it into a museum. The E.A. Schumacher Det 740 was asked to participate in the ceremony that was held on June 16 at 1500 hours. Two of our members served as the color guard to open the ceremony.

Our detachment still meets the first Tuesday each month at 1930 hours at the National Guard Armory in Hays.

Semper Fi,
Asher C. White, Chaplain

Air Capital Detachment #773

Chartered 30 June 1994
Commandant: Irona Cliver
Paymaster Frosty Evans
evansfa@gmail.com
Meets 3rd Tuesday
Social Time 1830
Meeting 1900 hours
American Legion Post 4
816 North Water St
Wichita, KS 67203
Detachment Contact 316.721.8009

Detachment #773 participated in the Wichita Riverfest Sundown Parade and Wichita's Shortest Parade. Air Capital also held our annual picnic at Sedgwick County Park with a horse shoe tournament and corn hole tournament.

Our monthly meeting is held on the third Tuesday of the month at American Legion Post 4 located at 816 N. Water, Wichita, Ks at 1900. Burger burn provided by the post prior to the meeting.

Semper Fidelis,
Irona Cliver, Commandant

Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025

Chartered 13 December 1999

Commandant: Ken Fain

Paymaster Bill Clinton

bdclint@sbcglobal.net

Meets 4th Wednesday at 1900 hours

VFW Post 7397

9550 Pflumm Road

Lenexa, KS 66215

Detachment Contact (913) 484.3078

Second quarter was a busy one for Detachment #1025. In April we held our Rawhide Harley Davidson fundraising BBQ. League members donated a group total of 115 hours in buying and preparation of the food, serving the food and clean up. Our **VERY** successful fundraising would be impossible without our supportive and dedicated League members.

In May Detachment #1025's new officers were elected and sworn in to office. After the ceremonies, we held a dinner for all league members and their families.



The Officers elected were Ken Fain Commandant, Joe Hughes Sr. Vice, Joel Wilson Jr. Vice, Max Deweese Chaplain, Bill Clinton Paymaster, Chuck Cammack Judge Advocate, Don Marsolek Adjutant, and Rich Campin Sgt.at Arms



We participated in the Memorial Day services held at VFW Post 7397. The services were organized and put together with great detail and respect by Commander of the VFW Chris Stergos and his staff.

June started off with a car show at the VFW Post where we provided the BBQ. Proceeds were given to the VFW for their fundraiser.



June 12th six League members participated in the HOPE KIDS Charity golf tournament. Meeting the children and parents was very emotional. Being able to be part of helping the program was an honor.

June 30th and July 1st, we held our BBQ fundraiser back at Rawhide Harley Davidson. There was a great crowd and we had fun working the event together. League member Joel Wilson made it a family event by bringing along his daughter who really captured everyone's hearts.



Detachment #1025 Service Hours for second Quarter were 1,046. I want to thank all our League members for their support and arduous work in making Detachment #1025's efforts a success.

Semper Fi,
Ken Fain
Commandant



**THE MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS
Kansas Pack**



**PDD Jan Denney 93-056
Worthy Pack Leader
Kansas Pack
The Military Order of the Devil Dogs**

I am honored to have been elected to serve as the Worthy Pack Leader of the Kansas Pack of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD).

“Job Well Done” to PDD “Doc” Holsey for his outstanding service to the Kansas Pack during his tour of duty as Worthy Pack Leader.

I will attend the MCL National Convention during the week of August 12 and the 79th Supreme Growl of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs on 15 August in Buffalo, New York.

The memberships of all non-life member Dogs expire on 1 September 2018. Get your bones for dues to your Pound Dog Robber early to eliminate the need hunt you down.

If you are a Pedigreed Devil Dog and are not a Life Member of the Order, there are several in the Kansas Pack, you should consider doing so. The cost in human dollars is:

Dogs Age 61 or older \$125.00

Dogs Age 60 or younger \$150.00

See your Pound Dog Robber for additional information.

Only PDD's can become Life Members

The Pack Dog Robber reports that there is only one (1) past due Dog in the Pack. Pound Dog Robbers have been doing an excellent job.

The Order is looking for a few good Dogs. Look for the members who are the hard chargers in your Detachments. Any Member who desires to join the Order, must be a League Regular Member in good standing for greater than one (1) year and be nominated by his/her Detachment Commandant. The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League. Remember – It is an honor to be a Devil Dog.

WOOF, WOOF!

PDD Jan Denney 93-056

Worthy Pack Leader

Kansas Pack

Kennel Website: www.moddkennel.org

Kansas Pack Website:

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

Woof, woof!

The Grand Growl is now history and the election for Pack Dogs is complete. Welcome the new Pack Leader, PDD Jan Denney. I am sure the new Pack Leader will do his upmost in securing a sufficient amount of Bones for National Kennel. Welcome Worthy Pack Leader. Thank you PDD Doc Holsey for an outstanding job as the Pack Leader.

To date the KS Pack has only one DD registered to advance to PDD in Buffalo. The DD desiring to advance to PDD is DD Joseph Hughes, the current Department Kansas Commandant. All other Devil Dogs that desire to advance get your request for advancement to the KS PK Dog Robber ASAP.

All Kansas PDD's attending National Conference in Buffalo will do our best to make it a memorial event for DD Hughes, and all other Kansas Pack DD's.

Let's go out to our detachment and find worthy members to bring into the Pack as Pups.

Woof, woof!

PDD Harvey L. Harris
Kansas Pack Dog Robber
PO Box 67582
Topeka, KS 66667-0582.

Kansas Pack Officers 2018-2019

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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 Alvie Furbeck
Police Dog: PDD Tom Huxtable
Watch Dog: DD Joe Hughes
Barking Dog: PDD Rick Pustka



TAPS

There were no deaths reported

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Midwest Division 2018 Fall Conference
Bismarck, ND
October 5 -7, 2018

Hotel Reservations

QUALITY INN - Phone: (701) 223-1911
1030 E. Interstate Ave., Bismarck, ND, 58503
Hosted by Dakota Leathernecks Detachment
<http://dakotalathernecks.com/>

2019 Department of Kansas Conference
0800 1 June 2019
Hosted by General Lewis Walt Detachment #682
VFW Post 1650
3110 SW Huntoon St, Topeka, KS 66604



Scuttlebutt and Booster Club

The number of Booster Club members has increased since the Spring Edition however if you read the list of members and you do not see your name listed, **join the Booster Club and support the Scuttlebutt**, remit \$5.00 per year. Make your check payable to Department of Kansas, MCL and mail to: Dept. of Kansas Paymaster PO Box 67582 Topeka, KS 66667-0582

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



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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/>

Next Scuttlebutt Deadline is 10 October 2018

ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE!