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90% of renovation was completed by members
volunteering.



Commandant Joe Hughes

Just returned from Bismarck, North Dakota. The Dakota Leathernecks Detachment #1419 and the Department of North Dakota were great hosts for our 2018 Fall Mid-West Division Conference. They presented a variety of great training sessions to choose from on Friday; Understanding Local/State/Federal Law, How to Plan an Event, Social Media (FB/YouTube/Instagram) Training, Parliamentary Procedures, Working the Generations and How to Work the Media (TV/Radio/Newspaper). Just wish there was an additional day to attend all sessions.

Hi-Lite of the weekend was a visit to their new Detachment "Marine House". I will post some of the inside pictures on our Division website. Over



The main focus of meeting was new membership and current status of our 2018-2019 renewals. Currently in the Department of Kansas we have about 50 MCL members not renewed. Commandants please take the time to call these Marines, have they forgotten to renew, need help or have passed away. We need to have clean rosters as we move into the new MCL Information System. If I can be of any assistance, please call.

The weekend ended with one of our own Harvey Harris being honored as 2018 Mid-West Division Marine of the Year. Congratulations Harvey - well deserved Marine.



Semper Fi,
Joe Hughes
jmhughes@everestkc.net



Sr. Vice Commandant Rick Pustka

Good morning Kansas Marines and Corpsman!

While looking forward to you recruiting new members, I have been looking to the past.

In 2002 a monument to the “Fighting Fourth” Marine Division was dedicated in 2002 at Leavenworth National Cemetery. No records of how many Marines are buried at Leavenworth National Cemetery are available yet many are known to rest there.



Established in 1886, part of the Delaware Indian Reservation, twelve Native American remains were found and re-interred in the cemetery. One of the largest National Cemetery’s west of the Mississippi River at 128.8 acres, over 30,875 are buried there. A trading Center for Union Soldiers during the Civil War, Confederates tried to capture the fort but were defeated at the Battle of Westport near Kansas City. Known as the “Gettysburg of the West”, over 30,000 troops fought.

Many Buffalo Soldiers and KIA’s from the Battle of the Big Horn rest at Leavenworth National Cemetery.



Many Medal of Honor Recipients (most often buried atop hills or swells as a place of Honor) rest at Leavenworth:

- Captain Thomas Custer 2xMOH Recipient Civil War (Brother of George Armstrong Custer)
- Sgt. William Buritt Civil War
- Sgt. John Garrett Civil War
- Pvt. John Grey Civil War
- Corporal Dorsey Civil War
- Sgt. John Durham Civil War
- 1stSgt. John Shingle Indian Wars
- Pvt. George Miller Indian Wars
- Corporal John Kyle Indian Wars
- Pvt. Ed Pengally Indian Wars
- First Sgt. Joe Robinson Indian Wars
- Pvt. Albert Sale Apache Wars
- Captain Harry Bell Philippine-American War
- Pvt. Fritz Lee Buffalo Soldier Battle of Tayacoba

Spanish American War
Lt.JG William Hall Battle of the Coral Sea

Never forgotten everyone a patriot. I invite you to bring your kids, grandkids and great grandkids to Wreaths Over America at all National Cemetery's every year on December 15th. And to bring a prospective Marine Corps League member to your next Detachment meeting!

Semper Fi,
Rick "Doc" Pustka



Jr Vice Commandant Paul McGuire

NO REPORT

Semper Fi
Paul McGuire



Adj. / Paymaster Harvey Harris

Paymasters do not give up; the League will have a new database someday soon. Problems keep showing up at the worst possible time, but as Marines we shall adapt and overcome. Department rosters are current as of the day the information is received by the Dept. Paymaster. Department will furnish a copy to National for uploading in an attempt to hurry the change along. National but you need to continue checking the information to verify all is correct. Members if you have not renewed your membership by now you are overdue. All annual renewals are due by 09-01 of the year to avoid becoming a member not in good standing. Please renew your membership with you Detachment Paymaster now. Current records indicate a total of 50 overdue members.

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

Midwest Division

The Midwest Division Fall Conference was held in Bismarck/Mandan, North Dakota 5-7 October. As I left Kansas for North Dakota the temperature was a warm 93 degrees, however, at Fargo all this changed, it was 33 degrees with SNOW. It is much tooooooo early for this.

Staff changes during the conference included the retirement of the Division Sgt-at-Arms. The new Sgt-at-Arms for the Midwest Division is Jan Denney, Jr. Past Department of Kansas Commandant. Welcome aboard Jan.

Midwest Division next conference will be the 2019 Spring Conference, April 5 through 7, at the Hilton Garden Inn, hosted by Siouxland Detachment, Sioux City, IA.

Semper Fidelis,

Harvey L. Harris, NVC
Midwest Division



Judge Advocate Bryson Allen

As I stated in the last Scuttlebutt the new bylaws should be available by now but that has not happened. When they become available the Judge Advocate from each Detachment **MUST** review their current Detachment Bylaws and make changes

to adhere to the new National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. This must be done in a timely fashion or the Detachment is at risk to lose their charter. I do not anticipate many major changes but as a Not for Profit Corporation under IRS rules we must be in compliance with the Parent Organization.

When you finish the re-write and have it approved, by the Detachment in a regular meeting, send me a signed copy for endorsement and inclusion in the Department Files. While you are reviewing yours, I will be doing the same with the Department Bylaws.

Semper Fi,
Bryson Allen,



Chaplain George Waugh

Hoping everyone had a safe summer as we look into fall and winter seasons, let's take stock to see if we lost contact with any members. Try and get in contact and get to know each other. The better you know each other makes it easier to know if someone needs help and good communications is the best means to strengthen and support each other.

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



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 will travel to the Grand Island VA Hospital on 20 October to run Bingo for the veterans there.

On 10 November, the Detachment will participate in the Veterans Day ceremonies and the Marine Corps Birthday at the Kensington Legion Post.

The Christmas Party will be held at Pooches in Smith Center.

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 enjoyed a picnic in July, took August off and resumed league business in

September with a meeting and a MODD Growl. We are consciously trying to recruit new members and outfit the ones we have in, to continue to have color guards. Our leaguers are getting older and frailer and we need younger Marines to carry the colors and keep us a viable organization.

On Friday, September 14th, Dale Meadows and Dan Dollison raised the American flag at the 100-year anniversary of the Stich Shelter House in Riverside Park, Independence. Our color guard will again lead the Neewollah Parade on Saturday, October 27th as well as post the colors at the Lee Greenwood concert that evening. We will also lead the Thanksgiving/Christmas parade on Sunday, November 18th. We will celebrate the birth of our Corps on Saturday, November 10th in Independence. So, we are active and keeping busy.

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

Greetings Marines and Corpsman,

The General Lewis W. Walt Detachment has been busy trying to get members involved and active in the League. The September the Topeka gun show was sparsely attended, and several vendors decided not to participate in the show. One last attempt will come in December. Our Detachment will again this year participate in the Topeka Veterans Day Parade. Getting ready to celebrate the 243rd Marine Corps Birthday, 10 November at the Topeka Reserve Center. Happy 243rd Birthday. Looking for a few good Marines to become members in the League.

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 lost a good friend and avid supporter when Marilyn Furbeck, beloved wife of PDC Alvie Furbeck passed away on 1 August 2018.

Hall Bros. Racing brought their Raminator Monster Trucks to Marshall Automotive Group in Salina on 22 September. The event raised funds for the Detachment's Marine Toy Box for 13th year.

The Detachment will host its annual pot luck supper at VFW Post 1432 on 16 October. Members, family and friends are invited.

It was my honor to represent the Detachment at the Midwest Division Fall Conference in Bismarck, ND.

On 10 November, the Detachment will host the Marine Corps Birthday celebration at Courtyard by Marriott in Salina.

Veterans Day ceremonies will be conducted at 1100 on 11 November at the War Memorial in Sunset Park.

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
NO REPORT
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



Air Capital Detachment #773 participated at the local gun show held in Wichita, Ks. Our detachment currently meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month located at the American Legion Post 4, 806 N. Water at 1900. Come early and join us for burgers and camaraderie!

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



In September, we held our annual Detachment picnic at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park in Lenexa, Kansas with an attendance of approximately 40 people. It was a great time to get together and catch up with each other. We are hoping next year's picnic is even better.

Summer is over, fall has arrived, and Detachment #1025 is busy wrapping up third quarter events and gearing up for our annual Toys for Tots Drive, which will kick off in October. We had two immensely successful fund-raising events in July and August. In July we were part of the Summer Toys for Toys pick up, and as you can see, it was well attended. We collected a large number of toys to kick off the upcoming Toys for Tots drive.

If it were not for our League members stepping up in support, these events would not have been as successful as they were.

I would like to say thanks to all the League members who put in a great quarter of service work. Our League members did a total of 1,242 total hours of community service, again showing the level of commitment our members have to the community. Starting in October, our monthly League breakfast will be moved to the second Wednesday of each month. The monthly breakfast has been an important way for our members to get together socially and keep each other informed as to the needs of other league members. It is the sharing of information that has helped us stay in touch with members in need of our assistance.

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**

WOOF, WOOF!

All Pounds of the Kansas Pack should have conducted their Pound election of officers and forwarded their ROI to the Pack Dog Robber along with the Passport fees.

I attended the Growl of the Midwest Division in Bismarck, ND on 5 October. Southern Dogs should not go north during the Winter. There were a few Dogs frozen to hydrants during the weekend.

Take note that all Kansas Pack Officers are Pedigree Devil Dogs. Congratulations to PPD Hughes for his advancement at the Supreme Growl in Buffalo.

Recruit your best League members to join your Pounds and remember the Devil Dogs are the *Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League*.

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 Kansas Pack Dogs. The Supreme Growl is over, and the time has come for all Pounds to hold a growl. The KS Pack only had one dog upgrade to PDD in Buffalo, that being an old Buffalo resident, our Department Commandant,

Joseph Hughes. I know we have dogs ready to advance to PDD, I guess they want to advance in the Big Sky Country, Billings Montana.in 2019. If you are one of the two dogs that have not yet paid your dues for the current year, please do so.

Woof, woof!

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

Kansas Pack Officers 2018-2019

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

Pack Dog Robber: PDD Harvey Harris
hharris@MCLeague.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:** PDD 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



**2019 Department of Kansas Conference
Grand Growl of the Kansas Pack MODD
0800 1 June 2019**

**Hosted by General Lewis Walt Detachment #682
VFW Post 1650
3110 SW Huntoon St, Topeka, KS 66604**



**2019 National Convention
4 August to 9 August 2019
Billings, MT**

<https://www.mclnationalconvention2019.com>



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



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/>

Next Scuttlebutt Deadline is 10 January 2019

ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE!