



# The SUNFLOWER "SCUTTLEBUTT"

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Commandant Joe Hughes

Marine For Life Network (M4L) connects transitioning Marines and their family members to education resources, employment opportunities, and other Veterans services that aid in their career and life goals outside of military service. The Marine For Life Network offers Marines and family members connections to military-friendly employment, education, and other Veteran and community resources. Marine Corps League local Detachment M4L Liaison will introduce transitioning Marines to the Marine Corps League and introduce them to this program. assist the

### 1. Situation

- 30,000 Marines leave active duty every year.
- The majority are 1-term Marines.
- M4L has 50 representatives and 4 RNC

- MCL has about 65,000 members and "boots on the ground" to help transiting Marines.

### 2. Mission

- Network jobs for Veterans and their families.
- Educate Veterans on benefits and schools.

### 3. Execution

- Connect IMA M4L Rep with local and area MCL Liaisons.
- Connect with Marine and FMF Navy Veterans through LinkedIn.
- Create and market Networking events.
- Contact local American Job Center.
- Connect with local hiring coordinators and VA/Government reps.

## MCL TEAMS ASSIST MARINE FOR LIFE PROGRAM

- Locations
- Support
- Financial when possible

### 4. Administration and Logistics

Marine for Life Network RNC and IMA:

#### Marine Corps League Liaison requirements:

- Enthusiastic and supportive Member who wants to help Marines and their families during the transition period.

- ii. Familiar with area resources.
- iii. Capable of communicating via social media, text and email.
- iv. Capable of planning and executing Networking events in conjunction with the M4L representative and M4L guidelines.

• **MCL LIAISON TASK LIST (not all-inclusive):**

- i. The MCL Liaison must be able to provide:
  1. Location of area VA Facilities.
  2. Location and contact information for County Veteran Services Officer.
  3. Contact for American Job Center Location and contact information for Veterans Representative.
  4. Contact information for County Board of Realtors.
  5. Access for Public School Website.
- ii. The MCL Liaison must:
  1. Become a member of the appropriate Marine for Life Network Region LinkedIn group.
    - a. Example Marine for Life-Southeast Region group,  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6778386>.
    2. Maintain communication with local IMA M4L representative.

**5. Command and Signal**

- Communication through LinkedIn and email.

**If there are any MCL Members interested in the role of M4L Detachment Liaison please contact me: Joe Hughes [jmhughes@everestkc.net](mailto:jmhughes@everestkc.net).**

Semper Fi,  
 Joe Hughes  
[jmhughes@everestkc.net](mailto:jmhughes@everestkc.net)



Sr. Vice Commandant Rick Pustka

No report due to circumstances beyond my control.  
 Semper Fi,  
 Rick "Doc" Pustka



Jr Vice Commandant Paul McGuire

NO REPORT  
 Semper Fi  
 Paul McGuire



Adj. / Paymaster Harvey Harris

Greetings Marines, Corpsmen

As I sit here waiting for SPRING and reviewing the department roster, I find the department has done well in getting members to renew their memberships. At present time the Department of Kansas stands at 406 current members in good standing and 15 members that remain overdue. By upgrading the roster for the detachments, Paymasters removed members that were one or more years in the rears from rosters taking the Department of Kansas from a total of 323 paid up members with 55 overdue, a net gain of 83 members. GREAT job Paymasters. Nationwide life members are increasing in numbers, Kansas currently has 204 Life members. This combined with the overdue members is causing a cash flow problem for National, a solution to this problem would also help the department, that being we need to recruit new members and keep them current.

Semper Fidelis,

Harvey L. Harris, NVC  
 Midwest Division



Judge Advocate Bryson Allen

I would like to remind all Detachment Commandants that your By-Laws need to be reviewed and if necessary be rewritten to comply with the National By Laws and Administrative Procedures as passed at last year's National

Convention. The new By-Laws are on the National Web site under the Library. Please sit down with your Judge Advocate as soon as possible and do what needs to be done to stay in compliance. Whether you change them or not you must submit your By Laws for approval to the Department Judge Advocate. Your procedures are your business as long as they do not conflict with National's so please keep everything as simple as possible. I have already finished with the Department By Laws and they will be voted on in June at our Dept Conference. If you need a copy let me know but keep in mind these are not official until voted on and approved.

Give me a call if you get stuck and I will do my best to assist. If I can't help, I know the folks that can.

Semper Fi,  
Bryson Allen,



Chaplain George Waugh

As we meet Marines recently released from active duty, we need to take the time to visit with them to see how well they are settling into civilian life. Tell them about the Marine Corps League in your area and invite them to a meeting. It is not always easy to adjust to change. Put out a helping hand.

### 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

Mt Suribachi Det 105 Christmas party was held in Pooches Vineyard Room, Smith Center



Charter member Bill Lyons and Commandant Larry Thompson cutting the cake with traditional Marine Corps Saber.



Thanks to all the ladies who attended. Thanks to Darla Conaway and her staff for another great setting and great meal.

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](mailto: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 very nice Birthday Party on November 10th. We welcomed new member Benny Vernon from Oswego who signed up at the party.

Unfortunately, we have lost two life members on December 28th and 31st. Those being Tom Keck and Richard Jones. We will endeavor to replace them and mourn their loss.

Our Detachment Color Guard participated in the Neewollah Parade by leading it as they do every year. They also led the Independence Holiday Parade in November and Christmas parades in Parsons, Oswego and Altamont. Our gratitude for their dedication.

We have not had a meeting since October so are looking to get back in the groove with our Sunday, January 20th meeting at 1830 upstairs at the VFW in Independence. We're hoping for a decent

turnout. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and will enjoy a wonderful New Years.

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](mailto: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](mailto:jadenney@cox.net)  
Meets 3rd Tuesday at 1900 hours  
VFW 1108 W. Crawford  
Salina, KS 67401  
Detachment Contact 785.826.5087

The Detachment hosted a celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday on 10 November as well as the Detachment Christmas Party on 18 December at the Courtyard by Marriott in Salina.

The Detachment lost a Charter & Life Member with the passing of John "Jack" Gallagher M.SGT USMC Retired on 26 December. A veteran of Korea and Vietnam, Jack served the Detachment as Sgt At Arms for 25 years.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

On November 10th, 2018 we celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday at the Marine Corps Memorial located at Veterans Park in Wichita, Ks.



For our December meeting, we celebrated with a Christmas dinner and invited our local I&I Staff to join us.



"Doc Frosty" was honored with being our Marine of the Year and presented a sword.

Semper Fidelis,  
Irona Cliver, Commandant

**Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025**

Chartered 13 December 1999  
Commandant: Ken Fain  
Paymaster Bill Clinton  
[bdclint@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdclint@sbcglobal.net)  
Meets 4th Wednesday at 1900 hours  
VFW Post 7397  
9550 Pflumm Road  
Lenexa, KS 66215  
Detachment Contact (913) 484.3078

In October, we kicked off our Toys for Tots drive with Top Clinton, our Toys for Tots organizer, giving an interview with the local TV station Fox 4 News.





The League members turned out as always collecting 41,154 toys and \$10,054 for the kids. Our thanks go out to all the corporations and individuals who helped make this year's drive a success.



The cake ceremony was changed up this year to make it more formal and in line with the formal occasion we were celebrating.

Semper Fi,  
Ken Fain  
Commandant



Next up was the celebration of our 243<sup>rd</sup> Marine Corps Birthday where we honored our 2018 Marine of the year, Paul Cummings. This was a great selection recognizing Paul's many hours of dedicated work to the League and his community.

Joe Hughes showed videos of the Commandant's Birthday message and General John A. Lejeune's birthday message. Everyone felt the videos were more entertaining than the Birthday message being read.



**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!**

I know that the Dogs of Kansas are spending these winter days curled up by the fire, but we need to be on the look for mongrels to join the Order. Recruit your best League members to join your Pounds and remember the Devil Dogs is 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](http://www.moddkennel.org)  
Kansas Pack Website:  
<http://www.mcleaguekansas.com/modd.html>

Woof, woof dogs of the Kansas Pack.

Time is near for us to go outside in the wild and explore all that's new without being cold. The Pack is doing well, two dogs remain overdue. Pack has a total of 23 PDD's, 18 DD's and 16 Pups, for a total of 57 dogs. Remember all Pounds need to continue with their growls.

If any of the 18 Devil dogs desire to advance to PDD at the Supreme Growl in Billings Montana this coming August, please get your advancement request to your Pound Dog Robber so it will arrive at Pack in time. It is a great experience to be

involved in the advancement process. To date the Pack Dog Robber has received zero request for advancement.

Next Grand Growl will be at the Department Conference June 1, 2019 in Topeka. I hope to see all 57 dogs at the Growl.

**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](mailto:jadenney@cox.net)  
785-826-5087

**Pack Dog Robber:** PDD Harvey Harris  
[hharris@MCLeague.org](mailto: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**  
Jack Gallagher Tri Rivers Detachment #730  
26 December 2018  
Tom Keck B. Gen. William A. Kurtis / SEK  
Detachment #612 28 December 2018  
Richard Jones B. Gen. William A. Kurtis / SEK  
Detachment #612 31 December 2018

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



**Midwest Division Spring Conference**  
**April 26-28, 2019**  
**Sioux City, IA**



**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](mailto: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 April 2019*

***ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE!***