



The SUNFLOWER "SCUTTLEBUTT"

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Commandant Jan Denney

It was my honor to represent the Department of Kansas at the Midwest Division Spring Conference in Overland Park on April 15 and 16. All of the Department Officers were in attendance.

A large shout-out goes to the General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025 members for a great job of hosting the conference.

As Adjutant/Paymaster Harris has stated in his article, there are major changes occurring at the National level which affects our membership. We will keep you posted as additional information becomes available.

Each Detachment has the responsibility of insuring that their roster is complete and accurate. If you

determine that there are errors, contact the Department Paymaster. Detachment Paymasters need to submit accurate transmittals in a timely manner. Sending transmittals with errors causes unnecessary delays in receiving membership cards.

It is a goal of the Department to create a accurate membership database and we need each Detachment to review their roster and assist the Department in building this database.

The National website is improving. Check out at <http://mclnational.org/>. Current forms are downloadable on this page of the website <http://mclnational.org/Documents/OfficialForms/tabid/695/Default.aspx>.

I am announcing that I will stand for re-election as Department Commandant at the Department Conference in June. I would appreciate your support.

Semper Fidelis,
Jan Denney 785-826-5087



Jr. Vice Commandant Tom Huxtable

No Report

Semper Fi,
Tom Huxtable



Adj / Paymaster Harvey Harris

Greetings Marines, All is well on the home front, spring is finally here. To the Detachment Paymasters: all required reports are being received in a timely manner, upcoming items will be Report of Officer Installations, (ROI's) Sec of State renewals for Not-for-Profit status, and soon to be the dreaded 990-N, and Life member Audit report.

The Midwest Division conducted its Spring Convention in Overland Park on April 15 through 17. News from National Headquarters: during the first of April two long term employees Meg Thoburn, the National Paymaster, and Debbie Smith, Merchandise Manager have resigned and Membership Manager; Johanna Hill was terminated for cause, (Gross Insubordination). Interviews will be conducted for replacements of those positions within National Headquarters. The above listed changes in Headquarters will increase productivity and information should be received more time appropriate than in the past.

Elections were held at the end of the regular conference for Division National Vice Commandant (NVC), and Assistant Division Vice Commandant (ADVC). Election result: National Vice Commandant, Midwest Division (NVC) Harvey L. Harris, Department of KS, Assistant Division Vice Commandant (ADVC), David Ossian, Department of Nebraska. The NVC, and ADVC will take effect at the swearing in of National Officers at the National Convention Tulsa, OK August 12, 2016.

New item from National Jr. Vice Commandant, Dennis Tobin: Headquarters Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League are attempting to draw **Active Duty Marines and Corpsman** into the League by offering a **“FREE”** Honorary-Active Duty membership. The H-AD Membership will cause a separate Transmittal to be submitted to Department, with a copy to Division NVC, and the original to National. The Transmittal will contain the same information as the regular member Transmittal except no funds will be collected. In addition the discharge date will be required, if the active duty member is discharged the free H-AD membership will expire and the member must either join as a regular member of the League or be dropped from the H-AD roles. If detachments have Recruiters in the area they will qualify but the main three Detachments that will be involved will be General Larry Oppenheimer, General Lewis W. Walt and Air Capitol. Reserve members will not count as Active Duty. Semper Fi magazines will be furnished by National at no charge to the detachment. ***H-AD members may be appointed to a position, but not to an elected position.*** If the Paymasters have questions, please contact me and I will attempt to answer your questions. Reportedly the National Jr. Vice Commandant will maintain and track the H-AD members throughout the League.

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



Judge Advocate / Chaplain
Bryson Allen

As most of you know we lost our long time Department Chaplain, Howard Runft, this past winter. I offered my services to the Department Commandant as acting Chaplain until elections are held in June. Please consider running for this position. It is not difficult nor time consuming but

is very important for our League. Look forward to seeing all of you in June.

Semper Fidelis,

Bryson L. Allen
Acting Chaplain
Department of Kansas

We are truly a bunch of Great marines. I am not sure how many years I have held this office and we have not had an Article 9 during that time. Let's keep up the good work, adhere to our By Laws and treat each other with respect and decorum. And don't forget to support the candidate and party of your choice, just do not wear your League uniform when you do.

Semper Fidelis,

Bryson L. Allen
Judge Advocate/Jr. Past Commandant

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

Department Chaplain Bryson Allen
11618 S. Greenwich Road
Mulvane, KS 67110-9011

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.

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



Mt Suribachi Detachment presented a donation of \$750 to Vets4Vets founder Marine Jesse Mudd. Vets4Vets hosts disabled Veterans hunting and fishing trips. Back row - Wes Topel, Al Reif, Jesse Mudd, Travis Rempe, Don Suchland, Larry Thompson, Dean Panter, Herman Becker. Front row - Edward Thompson, Howard Grauerholz, Roy Wangren, Bill Lyon, Marion Belden. Big Thanks to all the Ladies who attended and Darla and Pooches Staff for a great meal and decorations for a memorable event.



Darla Conaway, owner of Pooches, presented the Mt Suribachi Detachment Marine Corps League Smith Center Ks with a \$1000 donation. Darla raised the money from a fundraiser she organized and ran.

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 elected and installed the following officers for the 2016 term.

Commandant – Don Johnson
Sr. Vice Commandant – Randall Carlson
Jr. Vice Commandant – Larry Cushenbery
Judge Advocate – Dave Eberhart
Adjutant / Paymaster – Jan Denney
Chaplain – Ron Styles
Sgt At Arms – Jack Gallagher
Jr. Past Commandant – Alvie Furbeck

The Detachment Color Guard will participate in the Police Officer Memorial Day ceremonies as well as Memorial Day Ceremonies in May.

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 remains active to an extent. The few are keeping it going. We will be doing the flag raising at the Mound Valley Cemetery on May 28th. We will assist with the Independence Memorial Day Program on the 30th. Our MODD Pound 196 is holding growls once quarterly. We have a recruiting picnic planned for July 16th. Our June meeting will be on the 12th so as not to conflict with Father's Day. We will not meet July and August. Our election will be at the April 17 meeting. We will be represented at the Midwest Division Conference as well as the Department meeting in June.

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

Greetings Marines, The General Lewis W. Walt Detachment has been very busy getting ready for the summer activities. The detachment will install

the newly elected Detachment Officers at the April 28 meeting.

Zack Petty was selected to receive the Detachment Scholarship. Zack will attend KSU in the coming year.

Topeka Veterans Hospital issued the annual summary report to National for Volunteer Services. April 16-17 the Topeka Gun Show, April 29, 2015 the Detachment will participate in the VA Carnival.

On April 29, the Women Veterans enrolled at the Topeka & Leavenworth VA and who served during the Vietnam Era were honored with a speech, Certificate of Appreciation and a Vietnam Era Service Commemoration Pin. Detachment Marine Linda Ortiz (USMC Ret) and Edna Mae Cogswell (USMC-USA Ret) were present and received the long overdue recognition.

May 2, 2016 the Leavenworth American Legion will host recognition of Vietnam Veterans at Grinders High Noon Saloon in Leavenworth, KS. As part of the ceremony Vietnam veterans will be presented pins and certificates to recognize their service, and if the veteran is no longer with us, then those mementos will be presented to family members in attendance. Presentations will be made by Representatives from the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth.

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 turned out to support the annual Iwo Jima remembrance ceremony at the Fort Leavenworth Cemetery.



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 detachment participated in The March Gun Show at the Kansas coliseum. Attendance was notably lower this year compared with other years/shows.

Our monthly breakfast's continue to be extremely well attended by members & spouses.

Preparations are well underway for our annual golf tournament to be held 5 June 2016 at Sand Creek Station Golf Course, Newton, Ks. Tee time 1:00PM.

All department Marines are encouraged to participate, but tournament is open to all. Lot's of prizes, food, and fun. We hope to see you there.

Semper Fi
John Kiser, Commandant



Our activities in January, February and March consisted of a few Detachment fundraisers and planning for the MCL Midwest Spring Division Meeting in Overland Park, KS.

Edwin A Schumacher Detachment #740

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

The Edwin A. Schumacher Detachment conducted its installation of officer's ceremony at the American Legion on April 5 in Hays. Commandant Bob Munsch was installed to another term as our leader. Commandant Munsch's generous commitment of time, support, and inspiration has been a tower of strength to our league at a time it was very much needed. We were all pleased he accepted another term to continue his work.

Members received business cards to hand out throughout the community to encourage other Marines in the area to join our league. Lots of cards were left with businesses and at the Legion and VFW halls for customers or members to take. Hopefully this initiative will help us with recruiting new members.



Detachment Members present for the Memorial Service at the MWDIV Spring Conference.

The General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment is hosting the spring Marine Corps League Department of Kansas Meeting at the VFW in Lenexa, KS, June 11, 2016. Please plan on attending.

Semper Fi,

Joe Hughes,
Detachment Communications

Our detachment plans to participate in the Wild West Festival parade in Hays on July 4th.

Our members send many prayers to the Marines from the 26th MEU from Camp Lejeune who left March 20 to help fight ISIS. Those Marines go forth with courage and determination to face the forces of violence in Iraq.

Semper Fi,
Asher C. White, Chaplain



THE MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

Greetings from the Kansas Pack.

At this time the Pack of Kansas is rather quiet. By the time you read this we will have hosted the Growl at the Spring Conference in Overland Park and will be making plans for our Grand Growl of the Pack. PDD Harris is working feverishly to keep our books in order and seeing that all Pounds do the same. Keep up the good works and will see you when I see you.

Woof, Woof!
Bryson L. Allen
Worthy Pack Leader
Pack of Kansas

Kansas Pack hosted the Spring Midwest Division Growl in Overland Park, Ks, 16 April 2016 and had a total of 39 dogs in attendance. The Growl was well accepted with numerous bones being collected due to the Pack Leader, Big Dog Bryson Allen being his normal mild manner self. Three new Pups were upgraded to Devil Dog. Prior to becoming Devil Dogs, Friday during a visit to the Division Auction the services of the three dogs were sold to the Missouri Pack for a total of \$130 Big Bones. It has not been disclosed what exactly the services rendered were, and we may not want to inquire in length as to what actually they were. One Kansas Pack, Topeka Pound 196 was among the Dogs elevated to Devil Dog. Good luck and welcome, Devil Dog Tony Cook. Kansas Pack Dogs in attendance at the Division Growl: DD Tony Cook,

PDD Harvey Harris, PDD Bryson Allen, DD David Eberhart, DD Jan Denney, PDD Doc Holsey, PDD Tom Huxtable, PDD Dan Dollison, DD Briant Lewis, Pup Joe Hughes, DD Charles Davis, Pup William Bailey, Pup John Byrnes, Pup Doc Forest Evans. The kids will benefit with a total of 285 Big Bones going to Kennel. The Kansas Pack Growl will be in Overland Park, June 11 June 2016. If you are planning on moving up, please get your paper work into the Dog Robber, ASAP.
Semper Woofing,

PDD Harvey L. Harris, WDR

Salina Pound 365

There will be a Growl of Salina Pound 365 on 7 May 2016 in the VFW Post 1432 - 1108 W. Crawford Salina Kansas. BBQ lunch for \$6.00 per person at 1200 and Growl at 1300 hours.

Kansas Pack Officers 2015-16

Pack Leader	PDD Bryson Allen
Sr. Vice	PDD Dan P. Dollison
Jr. Vice	PDD Harvey Harris
Smart Dog	PDD Tom Huxtable
Mad Dog	DD Alvie M. Furbeck
Police Dog	PDD Eldon D. Holsey
Barking Dog	DD Jan A. Denney
Watch Dog	PDD Dave Zeferjohn
Dog Robber	PDD Harvey Harris
Dog Trainer	Open



TAPS

Howard Runft 1/29/16 Air Capital Detachment
Jerry Rich Air Capital Detachment
John Kent 2/22/16 Gen. Lewis W. Walt Detachment
Rick Hinricks Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Detachment

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



Anyone interested in running for office in the Department of Kansas, contact Jr. Past Commandant Eldon "Doc" Holsey.
docmf.70@gmail.com



The General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025 is proud to host the 2016 Department of Kansas Conference:
VFW Post 7397
9550 Pflumm Rd, 66215
Lenexa, KS

Registration Fee \$6.00 per person at the door

11 June 2016

0800-0900 Registration (Coffee & Donuts)
0900-1200 Department of Kansas Business Meeting
1200-1300 hot lunch (BBQ)
1300-? Business Meeting Continues if Necessary
Growl of the Kansas Pack MOOD follows Business Meeting

Make your reservation before 3 June 2016

Send no money – Payable at the door.

If you are making reservation for a group please give a list of those attending and titles (if applicable)



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>



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

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

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 June 2016

A ONCE MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE!