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Commandant Joe Hughes

Having just returned from the Mid-West Division meeting there are points of interest we discussed I would like to present in this issue of Scuttlebutt to keep our Detachments on track.

Continue the good work on the part of each Detachment with respect to membership in good standing on your roster. Each Detachment in Kansas did a good job syncing their membership rosters to actual members who are current with dues this past year. We were the top of the class at the meeting in this area, thank you.

1. Review and keep your roster updated at least monthly. Submit one copy of transmittal form, checks & roster to Department Adj/Paymaster Harvey Harris. Keep a copy of all material submitted to Department Adj/Paymaster Harvey Harris or MCL National.

2. MCL Forms, as National updates our official forms they post them to the National website Library. Please visit the Library and download the form each time you need to submit paperwork to ensure you have the most current form and instructions.

3. 2019-2020 membership fees are due by August 1st. Let your members know that you are starting to collect and submitting now so there is not a heavy work load placed on your Paymaster this summer to submit transmittals and checks all at one time.

4. Detachment Officer elections make sure you send Department Adj/Paymaster Harvey Harris your signed ROI form the day after the installation event. All information must be filled in completely & legible. DO NOT assume National will just pick up information from last year. All addresses must be member's home address not a business address, same as individual membership address.

5. If you need to send anything to MCL Headquarters make sure you include "Suite 115". Address: 3619 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 115, Stafford, Virginia 22554

6. Red Blazer Dress Uniform, can be purchased at JC Penny's. Item Red "Stafford® Hopsack Classic-Fit Sportscoat". MCL buttons can be purchased on the MCL Ship Store website. This blazer has four buttons on each sleeve, by-laws will be rewritten to allow four buttons at the next National meeting. Note, Red Blazer periodically goes on sale for around \$90.00

<https://www.jcpenney.com/s?searchTerm=mens+red+blazer>

Our Department of Kansas meeting is June 1, 2019. Hope to see everyone in Topeka.

Visit our Department of Kansas website for more information.

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

Semper Fi,

Joe Hughes

jmhughes@everestkc.net



Sr. Vice Commandant Rick Pustka

Memorial Day is more than the end of a three-day-weekend. We must remind family and friends that those who have died in uniform are not just names on a piece of marble or stone in a city park. They are people who left behind grieving families and a legacy and service to country which all Americans should aspire.

Take time to seek out veterans you served with. A buddy-check can save a life.

Semper Fi,

Rick "Doc" Pustka



Jr Vice Commandant Paul McGuire

NO REPORT



Adj. / Paymaster Harvey Harris

Greetings all, spring has finally arrived. Paymasters it is now time for the detachment's required annual tasks to be completed that are due between now and July, that being detachment's 990's, renewing the not-for profit registration with the Sec. of state, ROI for your detachment, Life member Audits take place following the June roster, after you receive the June roster you may as well verify and send in your 2019 Life Member Audit report to make sure you receive your refund for Life members. Remember if you do not submit your audit you will not receive a refund from national. Renewal for all non-life members can be completed anytime now through August 31. If a member is current the renewal will be credited for next year so you will not have to collect all memberships in a single month. Renewal Schedule: MCL A&P Section 7025 (d) All non-life memberships expire August 31 of each year. **New members joining between 1 July and the last day of February will pay the full amount of the National Dues + \$5.00 Initiation fee, new members joining between March 1 and 30 June will pay ½ half the current National Dues + Initiation fee of \$5.00.** A change from National: The **ONLY** paper form required to be submitted to department is the Transmittal, (a check needs to be sent to department and national with the required dues). **One page only, no longer required to submit multiple pages.** All other reports may be submitted by electronic means. (scan into your system and sent department a copy, department will forward a copy electronically to national).

The department roster was sent out to all Detachment Commandant's and Paymaster mid-April, please check your roster and verify the accuracy of the roster as the information is now being down loaded into the new database at national. Report to the Department Paymaster any errors or omissions discovered, and we will get them corrected. Please include the member's email address, this will cut down on the mailing expenses.

Semper Fidelis,

Harvey L. Harris,

NVC Midwest Division

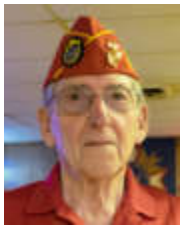
Department Adjutant / Paymaster



Judge Advocate Bryson Allen

Your Judge Advocate has been most busy lately re-writing the Department By-Laws and designing a template for the Detachments to use in their re-writes. The reason for all this admin work is the requirement for all Detachments and Departments to be in compliance with the National by-Laws which were adopted at the 2018 Convention in Buffalo NY. The process is simple, if you use the Template that Commandant Hughes has put on the Department/Midwest Division web page. If you need assistance give me a call or send me an email and I will do my best. And just for the record we will vote on the new Department of Kansas By-Laws in June at the annual Department Conference.

Semper Fi,
Bryson Allen,



Chaplain George Waugh

Almighty God
We stand before you in supplication,
Asking Your Divine mercy and protection,
To envelop with Your invincible armor,
Marines. FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains in harms
way and those fighting their battles and demons
after their return.
Give them courage and strength
Against all enemies,
Both spiritual and physical,
And hasten their safe journey,
Back to their homes and families. Amen

What a winter. It is a time to get going again.
Renew your resolve to get involved with your
MCL detachment and community.

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 Officers attending Midwest Division 2019 Spring Conference in Sioux City, Iowa.



(L to R) Harvey L. Harris, NVC Midwest Division and Department Adjutant / Paymaster; Joe Hughes, Commandant Department of Kansas; Jan Denney, Jr Past Commandant Department of Kansas and Midwest Division Sgt At Arms; Eldon "Doc" Holsey, Department of Kansas Sgt At Arms; Bryson Allen, Past NVC Midwest Division and Department of Kansas Judge Advocate.



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

Past Department Commandant Roy E. Wangerin passed away 6 April 2019 at the age of 97. Roy was a Charter member of the oldest Detachment in Kansas.

VETERAN INFORMATION

NAME: Roy E. Wangerin Tech. Sergeant USMC

ADDRESS: Rural Route #1 Kennett Missouri 64901
street city state zip

DATE OF ENLISTMENT: 9/25/42 PLACE: Des Moines, Iowa

DATE OF DISCHARGE: 10/24/45 PLACE: Marine Barracks Bremerton, Wash.

BRANCH OF SERVICE: USMC Air Wing

SERIAL NUMBER: 457417

BASIC TRAINING: San Diego 601st Platoon Marine Base Boot Camp
where & time--

specific training Camp Kearny San Diego V.N.P. Marine Fighter Squadron 124
Marine Base Hawaii, Hawaii, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands,
Bate, New Hebrides, New Java, California, USMCAS San Diego, Hawaii, USMC Base CV9,
USMCAS San Diego, Midway Island, USMCAS San Diego, Bremerton, Washington.

STATIONED: where & how long (in States or overseas): 1/8/43 to 10/20/45 Southwest
Pacific Area, States: 3/24/44 to 10/45 Southwest Pacific Area
11/42 to 3/45 PAC 12 VFW 124 Fighter Squadron Corsair Fighter Flares
5/45 to 10/45 PAC 12 VFW 124 Fighter Squadron

specific jobs or battles: Aerial Photographer and Photographer VFW 124
Guadalcanal, Luzon, Formosa, Okinawa, IV China, Nansei Shoto Islands, French Indo China,
Hong Kong, Canton, and Hainan Two Jims

STREAMER ENTITLEMENT


Presidential Unit Citation
(USS Essex Air Group 4, 3-22 Jan, 16 Feb.-1 Mar, 1945)

American Campaign
(7 Sept 1942-8 Jan 1943, 13 Oct 1943-18 Sept 1944,
1 May 1945-31 Jan 1946)

Asiatic-Pacific with one Silver and one Bronze Star
(Capture of Guadalcanal Feb. 1943)
(Consolidation of Southern Solomons 1 Feb-1 June 1943)

(New Georgia Group Operation 21 June-6 Sept 1943)
(Luzon Operation 3-22 Jan 1945)
(Iwo Jima Operation 15 Feb-4 Mar 1945)
(Okinawa Gunto Operation 17-24 Mar 1945)

World War II Victory
(7 Sept 1942-31 Jan 1946)



Roy's Veteran Information

Member John Overmiller's 89th Birthday was celebrated by friends and family at Pooches Bar and Grill

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

The SEK Detachment (W.A. Kurtis SEK Det. 612) is staying afloat and trying to take care of MCL business. Our membership remains at 40 with new members taking place of our deceased, one at a time. We've lost three life members since December and have signed up two new members thus far. We held nominations for the 2019-20 year at our March meeting and will reopen nominations and hold our election at our April meeting.

We set the date for our summer picnic which will be on July 20, 2019 at the Bill Leonard Gazebo in Riverside Park in Independence, Start showing up at 1100. Hopefully we can recruit new members at the event.

Unfortunately, no one from the Detachment was able to attend the Midwest Division Conference but looking forward to Department meeting in Topeka on June 1st.

Sorry to see that Roy Wangerin passed, a good friend and supporter of the Department.
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

The Department of Kansas Conference: **Saturday 1 June**, hosted by the General Lewis W. Walt Detachment #682. Location: VFW Post 1650, 3110 SW Huntoon, Topeka, KS

Registration: 0800-0900,
Business Session: 0900-1130
Memorial Service: 1130 -1145
Lunch: 1145 -1245 (provided)
Grand Growl 1300-1430

Conference Uniform: MCL Cover and detachment polo shirt.

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 Past Commandant with the death of Marine Don Johnson on 18 March. Don was a Vietnam War Veteran and a proud Marine.

The following Marines were duly elected and installed as Detachment Officers for 2019:

Larry Cushenbery – Commandant
Alvie Furbeck – Sr. Vice Commandant
Lucy Harriett – Jr. Vice Commandant
David Eberhart – Judge Advocate
Jan Denney – Adjutant / Paymaster
Ronald Styles – Chaplain
David Nichols – Sgt. At Arms
Randall Carlson – Jr. Past Commandant

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
VFW Post
22nd & Vine
Hays, KS. 67601
Detachment Contact 785.261.0779

The Edwin A. Schumacher Det 740 is happy to announce we've signed up a couple new members. We continue to get out in the community and make ourselves present and word is getting out to younger Marines returning to our area.

The league elected its officers last month and Commandant Munsch has agreed to another term. Munsch will submit the appropriate documents to the Department of Kansas.

In March, our detachment lost longtime life charter member Harry Junior Ostrom, age 95. Ostrom was a WWII Marine serving in the Pacific theater in 1945. His death was reported to the Department Chaplain last week.

Members are putting together our annual Summer BBQ Get Together along south Main Street in Hays. More info to come on that later. It would be great to have some other detachment members join us!

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



On March 17th, 2019 our Marines cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for SGT. C's Leathers St. Patrick's Day Bash raising money and completely selling out.

Our Annual Air Capitol Detachment Picnic will be held June 23rd at 1700 located at Sedgwick County Park in Wichita, Ks.

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

First quarter 2019 is in the books and with it some outstanding results and accomplishments. I can't let this opportunity slip by without recognizing a few good Marines who had the vision twenty years ago June 14, 1999 to start our detachment. I wrote about it in our detachment newsletter last month and now would like to share my message with all Marine Corps League members in Kansas. I enjoy quoting successful, intelligent individuals such as people like Warren Buffett. He once said, "Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." A very simple statement, but one with vision and insightfulness and one I can relate to in this month's message. Twenty years ago, on June 14th of this year a group of Marines formed General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025. In the fall of 1998, a group of individuals met at a coffee shop on 87th St. & Parkway in Overland Park, KS. From those meetings Marines Loueta Tostrud and Don Marsolek drew up the initial draft of our Detachment's Constitution. The Detachment meetings were held starting in 1999 at the American Legion Post on W. 75th St. in Overland Park. Over the years we have grown and evolved into a detachment that does outstanding work in our community. Their vision and commitment was much like the person planting that young sapling tree that Warren Buffett referred to. The Charter members that planted the seed that grew our Detachment into what we enjoy today are:

Don Marsolek - Commandant - (Active)
Loueta Tostrud - Sr. Vice Commandant (Active)

Frank McGough - Jr. Vice Commandant (Active)
Warren Okeson - (Active)
Pat O'Malley
Ralph Johnson
John Stacy
Robert Cunningham



In January we held our first fundraiser for 2019 with our annual luau at the Harley Davidson BBQ. To say the least this year's BBQ was challenging. We had 10 inches of wet snow to cook in, yet our League members pulled off another successful event even with the bad weather.

Next up was our February Mardi Gras celebration fundraiser BBQ, which had no snow but temperatures in the twenty's and winds up to 18 mph. But once again, even in cold weather, our League members stepped up and we had a successful event.



In March we celebrated the 74th annual Iwo Jima Memorial Ceremony at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Many thanks to Colonel Priscilla P.

Failmezger Commanding Officer, CLR-4 who was the guest speaker for this year's event. Her message was truly moving and inspirational as she spoke about the war in the Pacific and the young men and women who served.



Jerry Ingram pictured far right was fifteen when he enlisted in the Marines, and at sixteen was facing the enemy. Max Deweese, second from the left is our oldest World War II veteran and League member. On the far left is Ed Boswell Iwo Jima veteran.

Detachment #1025 Service hours for first quarter 2019 totaled 1,319. That is a tremendous service to our community by a great group of Marines. First quarter ended with the election of new officers for the coming year.

Semper Fi,
Ken Fain
Commandant



The Military Order of the Devil Dogs



PDD Jan Denney 93-056

Worthy Pack Leader

Kansas Pack

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs

WOOF, WOOF!

The Kansas Pack's Grand Growl will be on 1 June following the Department of Kansas Conference hosted by General Lewis Walt Detachment. Any qualified mongrel seeking to join the Order or PUP hoping to be advanced to Devil Dog, needs to obtain **Application for Degree Advancement Form.**

PUPS need to bring the form to the Grand Growl and complete the initiation to be advanced. Mongrels must be nominated by their Detachment Commandant. **Application for Membership Form** needs to be completed and signed by the Detachment Commandant and the form brought to the Growl.

Forms are available at
<http://moddkennel.org/Publications/Forms/tabid/239/Default.aspx>

WOOF, WOOF!
PDD Jan Denney 93-056
Worthy Pack Leader
Kansas Pack

Kennel Website: www.moddkennel.org
Kansas Pack Website:
<http://www.mcleaguekansan.com/modd.html>

Greeting all Dogs of the Pack, it's time to get out of the Dog House and get to your local Dog Park.

Attention all Devil Dogs, I do not find any applications for advancement from you. Now is the time to get your applications filled out and delivered to your Pound Dog Robber. I know Billings Montana is not too far for some of you. The 2020 Supreme Growl will be in Daytona Beach, Florida. If you have been a Devil Dog for one or more years and desire to advance to PDD get

your advancement papers in and get set to enjoy the fun, you will have during the advancement to PDD. Search your Marine Corps League Detachment and find the member that would fit in with the dogs of your pound, introduce them to the "Fun and Honor Society" The Pack could use some new qualified Pups. We need to keep the old dogs on their toes.

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@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: PDD Joe Hughes
Barking Dog: PDD Rick Pustka



TAPS

Don H. Johnson Tri Rivers Detachment
18 March 2019
Roy E. Wangerin Mt. Suribachi Detachment
6 April 2019
Floyd "Gene" Garman B. Gen. William A.
Kurtis / SEK Detachment 26 February 2019
Les Miller Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Detachment
Harry Ostrom Edwin A Schumacher Detachment
23 March 2019

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 1 June 2019

Host: General Lewis W. Walt Detachment - Topeka, KS
VFW #1650 3110 SW Huntoon, Topeka, KS 66604

0800 - Registration
0900 - General Session
1100 - Department Officer Elections
1200 - Lunch
1300 - Kansas Pack Growl
Conference Uniform: MCL Cover and detachment polo shirt.

If you are member of the Department of Kansas, MCL in good standing and wish to run for a Department office, contact Jan Denney (jadenney@cox.net) Jr. Past Commandant, before 20 May 2019. Candidates must be present at the Department Conference to be elected and installed.



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

<https://www.mclnationalconvention2019.com>



Midwest Division Fall Conference September 27 & 28, 2019.

Crowne Plaza Aire
3 Appletree Square
Bloomington, MN 55425.

Rooms are \$119 a night for a King or two double beds, King Suite is \$149 a night, all are Nonsmoking.
Block code MCL
Marine Corps League
Guests can also call 800-227-6963 and secure reservations as well.



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 July 2019

ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE!