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FROM THE EDITOR

Jerry McKeon



If any one of us were to individually do the many charitable things our detachments do, we'd be named "Citizen of the Year." All the donations received are given to charitable causes; the veterans we help and visit in the Veterans hospitals, the thousands of toys we collect with our Toys for Tots

drive and the dozens of scholarships we grant, all well deserving of a pat on the back. Generally, the public does not know much about us and that's a shame. If you are not regularly sending out press releases to local news outlets, you are missing the opportunity to tell your friends and neighbors how much good our organization is doing for the community.

I encourage you to appoint someone in your detachment to become acquainted with the news editors in your area and do a little bragging about yourselves. It will pay off. See related article page 21.

Marines:

Every once in awhile, a shakeup in the officer ranks happens before terms end. Recently Al Pearson stepped away from the Sr. Vice Commandant's position for health reasons. There is nothing more that AL wanted than to become our Department Commandant—stepping down was probably one of the hardest things AL has ever done. I admire him for the courage to recognize that he might fall short had he remained in this position. I wish AL the very best and thank him for all the work he has done for the department in the past years.

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

The Commandants Page



Jonathan S. VanTol

Members of the Department,

This article is composed of my notes from the National Midwinter meeting. It covers many of the things that have been brought to our attention before. Also the new data base.

National Commandant Tobin -

- 1) Report of Officers installations - turned in yearly, if not current, your Detachment members won't be able to vote at the National Convention.
- 2) IRS 990 not filed for three years, you loose your tax exempt status and are removed from the National 501(c) (4) umbrella, if IRS catches you raising funds and not reporting and paying taxes, hang on and wait for penalties.
- 3) When sending in pictures for the Semper Fi magazine make sure EVERYONE is in uniform or civilian attire with cover.

- 4) You're adults settle your differences, and don't air them on social media outlets or nasty emails.
- 5) UNFORTUNATELY some members are hassling and disrespecting our Women Marines. They EARNED the title Marine and deserve the respect from ALL. members. If you can't accept it think about your involvement in the League, because they are HERE TO STAY.

Sr Vice Baker -

- 1) What would you like covered in the Commandants council?
- 2) Teach the Professional Development Program.
- 3) Department Commandants or their representative received instructions on the new data base.

Jr Vice Griffin -

- 1) Have younger members set up fire teams and they may start a new Detachment.
- 2) Try new things, such as having meetings other than at night.

National Judge Advocate T J Morgan -

- 1) Go to the Members Library for his report.
- 2) Read Chapter 9 for handling disputes, make sure to have an impartial hearing board and recuse yourself if it appears there could be a conflict of interest. - ***Continued on page 4***

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The Commandants Page



Jonathan VanTol

Commandant

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**More from National as reported by our Commandant Jonathan VanTol
Chief Operating Officer Bob Borka -**

- 1) Audits National list of Detachments yearly
- 2) If their IRS 990 not filed for three years they are dropped from the National 501 c4 umbrella.
- 3) He'll write letters to the IRS to correct information to make sure they can be Listed under the National umbrella.
- 4) Submit your Detachment Report of Officers Installation.
- 5) 7,000 of the new plastic membership cards have been sent out, members should be getting them shortly.
- 6) Covers, material was dyed the wrong color and the company that makes

them are waiting for the new material to restart production of the covers. Please don't come to National convention and buy a bunch of covers, call National and order well before so there can be some at National for those that attend the convention.

Data Base -

Department Commandants and Paymasters information is being imputed so they will have access to all the Detachments information. They will be able to run membership reports and a few other things.

After the Department has access it will be rolled out to the Detachment Commandants and Paymasters. They will also be able to run membership reports. They will be able to assist National in getting the email addresses for their Detachment members. Those addresses will be YOUR USER NAME.

Individual members will be able to go to the Member Library on the National website, click on the Member portal, enter their email address and then they will be asked to create a password. Members will only be able to update their own information, like address, phone, misspelling of their name. They can't change other information such as membership number.

SEMPER FIDELIS,

Jonathan S. VanTol

Commandant

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Art Menard, Jr. Vice Commandant



Art Menard

Sr. Vice Commandant

Marines, FMF Corpsman & Chaplains, Associate and Auxiliary Members

At the Department Mid-winter on 24 January 2020 our Department Commandant with the approval of our Department Board of Trustee's, recommended our Jr.Vice (Yours Truly) Commandant move up into the Department Sr. Vice Commandants Office to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of past Department Sr. Vice Commandant Al Pearson due to health reasons.

Per Department Bylaws, Department Commandant Jon VanTol appointed Flint Detachment member Richard Monroe to the Department Jr. Vice Office to fill my vacancy. It is important to note that both our current offices (Sr. Vice Commandant & Jr. Vice Commandant) will expire at this summers Department Convention hosted by the Flint Dawgs with an election on 13 June 2020. Commandant VanTol, Jr. Vice Commandant Monroe and myself have all announced at the Department Mid-winter that we are running for another term.

We wish Marine Al Pearson all the best as he moves forward health wise and we thank him for his help allowing Marine Richard Monroe and myself a smooth transition into our new Department offices.

As a reminder, the Department still has a raffle going on. Tickets are \$3 each and for each ticket the Detachment, Auxiliary or Pound sells they keep \$1 of each ticket sold and send \$2 per ticket sold back to the Department. Ticket prizes are 1st \$500, 2nd \$300 and 3rd \$200. Ticket drawing will be on 24 April at the Pentwater VFW at 8pm. Please make your check out to "The Department of Michigan MCL" and make a note in the memo "Dept. raffle". Please send checks and tickets stubs by 17 April 20, 2020

If you have any questions concerning the raffle, contact Marine Al Pearson at (231)233-2237 or PDC Marine David Masunas (231)301-0950. It is important that we sell as many tickets as possible.

I hope to do my best as your Department Sr. Vice Commandant. We are looking at several new ways to try other ideas to improve fundraising for the Department. Stand by, more to follow on fundraising in the coming months.

As a "Yooper" I must report that the Manistique Fire Team (future U.P. Devil Dogs Detachment) is at 31 members and awaits their Charter Application from National to be approved so they can begin planning their Charter Ceremony.

Semper Fidelis,

Art Menard

Sr. Vice Commandant

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Dick Monroe Jr. Vice Commandant



Richard Monroe

Hello Marines, Associate Members and Auxiliary Members

I would like to say I'm honored to have been appointed by the Commandant and his staff to the position of Jr. Vice. I wish Al Pearson the best. I will do my best to fill this position but it takes all of us one person can't do it all remember we are a team.

- Here are a few ideas below that were mentioned at the convention in Jackson for Recruitment.
- When you recruit a new member give them first year membership FREE.
- Buy the new member their cover.
- Offer detachment members incentive to recruit new members.
- Contact Public Broadcast Stations to talk about Marine Corps League and do a

recruitment announcement.

- Go to your local Recruiting offices and see about getting new recruits to come out and visit your detachment. Make them an HONORARY MEMBER. This also sets up the possibility for one or both parents to become Associate Members. More likely than not one or both parents have served in the military.

Effective 01 September, all annual memberships expire. Those that have not paid their dues will become delinquent members losing the normal rights and privileges that members in good standing have. If you have not paid your annual dues you need to get in touch with your Detachment Paymaster and submit your payment.

Detachment Commandants, Detachment Paymasters and Detachment Jr. Vice Commandants should be reaching out to delinquent members and find out why they have not renewed their membership. These delinquent members are the first members listed on the first page of all Detachment quarterly rosters.

As of 13 January 2020, the Department of Michigan has 1798 paid annual and life members combined and 225 unpaid or delinquent members. We have gained 271 new or paid members since the 30 September 1st quarter roster. Great Job! The Department 2nd quarter roster was released and emailed to the Zone Vice Commandants for distribution. When available please check your Detachment Roster for accuracy with the Paymasters files.

Effective 01 March – 30 June annually any new members can pay "half Dues" with an expiration of 01 September. It should be a recommendation for new members joining the Marine Corps League to pay for 1-1/2 years to stay in good standing for 18 months instead of requesting another payment from the new member in 4-5 months.

Detachment Commandants please remember to submit any member that's recruited 5 or more members in your Detachment to me for an award. The recruiting period runs from 01 May to 30 April annually with a deadline of 15 May for the form submittal. The form must be verified signed by both the Detachment Commandant and the Detachment Paymaster.

Again I need your help and ideas for recruitment. You can contact me at: turbo99@charter.net

Richard Monroe, Jr. Vice Commandant



THIS REPORT MUST ACCOMPANY REPORT OF OFFICERS INSTALLATION AND ARE SENT TO DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT WITHIN 10 DAYS OF OFFICER INSTALLATION.

NEW FORM

Marine CORPS LEAGUE BY-LAWS REQUIRE:

Detachment Report of Officers Installation are sent to:

COMPLIANCE ADJUTANT at mimcladjutant@gmail.com and

COMPLIANCE OFFICER at mimclcompliance1@gmail.com (Electronic Copy)

DETACHMENT CHARTER POSSESSION & LOCATION:

Who has or is in possession of the Detachment Charter:

Address; _____ Phone: _____

Where is the physical location of the Charter: _____

Financial Institution:

Name of Detachment's Bank/credit union and Account numbers (**Balances are not Required**)

Name: _____ Account #: _____

Address: _____ Checking # _____ Savings: _____

Additional Accounts: Specify type (Savings, CD, Money Market, Scholarship, Etc.)

Type of Account: _____ Bank: _____

Account # _____ Address: _____

CERTIFICATION:

We certify that the above information is current and correct.

Detachment Commandant

Detachment Paymaster:

Date

Marine Corps League Auxiliary

President Gerri Tuohy



Hi Ladies,

Unfortunately I was not at Mid Winter Rally in January. I want to say it was plenty cold in Florida at that time. The weather is now getting a little better.

Thanks to our Sr. Vice President Marcy Oakley who did an outstanding job in conducting our auxiliary meeting.

just a few reminders of upcoming dates to remember:

- Central Division Conference in Louisville, Ky April 3 – 4.
- Department Scholarship applications are due on May 1.

All necessary information can be obtained on the michiganmarines.org website. Click on Marine Corps League Foundation link and it will show all pertinent information regarding this.

Annual reports (Americanism, Child Welfare, Civics Rehabilitation and VAVS) are due May 25. Please get your information to the Department chair people listed on your roster.

Department Convention will be hosted by Pound 288 Dawgs June 12 – 14, 2020 at the Holiday Inn in Flint. Information can be obtained on the michiganmarines.org website.

As always I can be reached either by phone - 810-964-1354 or email: wildgerri323@aol.com.

I hope to see many of you at our Department Convention in June. Come and enjoy the knowledge and camaraderie of our auxiliary members.

Semper Fidelis,

Gerri Tuohy, Dept. President



Gerri Tuohy, President, Department of Michigan, MCL Auxiliary.



AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Gerri Tuohy—Dept. President

Sr. Vice President—Marcy Oakley

Jr. Vice President—Sandy VanTol

Jr. Past President—Ann LaClair

Judge Advocate—Kim Sawatki

Chaplain—Cathy Rayl

Auditor—Barb Beamlander

Auditor—Mary Brief

Outer Guard—Benjawan Miller

Secretary—Sandy VanTol

Ways and Means—J. Bressette

Publicity—Elizabeth Pouttre

Historian—Judy Flynn

Americanism—Maureen Ailor

Child Welfare—Jan Bryan

Civics Chair—Ann LaClair

Rehabilitation—Colleen Chimiel-Rieck

VAVS Chair—Virginia Johnson

National Adjutant—Mary Brief



Marine Corps League

Honorable Pack Leader's Page



Michigan Dog Pounds Showing Up!

A big thank you to Devil Dog Pounds in Lansing and Flint, for stepping up to host State-Wide Department meetings. The recent Mid-Winter Rally was hosted by the Red Knights Pound with assistance from the Cascade Detachment.

Our upcoming Summer Convention will be hosted by the Flint Dawgs, and the Flint Auxiliary Unit—this is the second time in as many years. Is it your detachment's turn next time? The Department is looking forward to a detachment stepping up to host the Mid-Winter Rally in 2021. The preferred location is Ann Arbor. Jon VanTol in an advance conversation with hotel manager said they are ready to host us.

WOOF WOOF!!

This June marks the COMPLETION of TWO YEARS as your Pack Leader. It has been an enjoyable experience and I am looking forward to assist the new Pack Leader as they take over the responsibility of the Pack.

Looking forward to a HOWLING great time at the 2020 Grand Growl of the Pack on June 12, 2020 at 2000 In Grand Blanc. Bring your BONES!! For those joining the MODD and those advancing make sure your application/Degree advancement paperwork is COMPLETELY filled out. Make sure to keep one (1) copy for yourself and one (1) for your Pound. Bring four (4) copies to the Pack growl.

Those Devil Dogs planning to attend the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at the National Convention in Daytona, Florida in August and advance to Pedigree Devil Dogs make sure your Applications for advancement reach the Kennel Dog Robber before 1 July 2020. Take a copy with you "just in case", it needs to be a copy of the paperwork sent in to the MADD Kennel Dog Robber.

Those Marines who are not dogs, WHY NOT? The Pounds are comprised of Marines from many different Detachments and it is a great time to come together for FUN! Dogs reach out to other Marines in your Detachments and find those that enjoy having FUN and invite them to become Dogs. As we know getting together with other Dogs at Growls is always an enjoyable time. Remember, WE are the "Fun and Honor Society" of the Marine Corps League.

Semper Fidelis

Jonathan VanTol

Pack Leader

Pound Six voted to only have six meeting per year, not 12 as previously held. They are hoping it will create greater attendance. The Detroit Metropolitan area is host to seven detachments.

COMPLIANCE

National has a number of requirements for Departments, Detachments and other Subsidiary organizations. These requirements help ensure that those entities are in good standing with National, the IRS, and their State Incorporation laws. The following shall be done yearly;

- File an IRS 990 e-postcard or equivalent
- File your state Corporation report
- Report of Officers Installation (ROI)

Reasons for operating under the National EIN umbrella.

1. Filing your IRS 990 yearly maintains your nonprofit status and allows you to collect funds and NOT pay taxes on them. DON'T FILE for three years and you lose your tax-exempt status and WILL be removed from the Annual National Report to the IRS of Detachments falling under the National EIN. You would lose any rights through the National MCL AND YOUR FUNDRAISING WILL BE SUBJECTED TO TAXATION!
2. Incorporation, filing this report to the state of Michigan PROTECTS the Department, Detachment, and Subsidiary entities officers and members. Without filing this report, the officers and members CAN be individually liable to a lawsuit.
3. Report of Officers Installation (ROI), National needs this to be filed so they know who to contact if problems arise. BUT the biggest incentive to file the ROI yearly is it gives National a GOOD ADDRESS to where the LIFE MEMBER refunds are to be sent. If your ROI is OVER a YEAR-OLD National will NOT send out Life Member refunds to that Department/Detachment. They have had to many checks returned. If the ROI is NOT sent in By June 30, that Detachment will not be in good standing with National and it could affect their delegates to the National Convention.

Excerpts from the National Bylaws and Administration Procedures.

NATIONAL BYLAWS, ARTICLE VIII

Departments

Section 855. Election of Officers. Each Department shall hold an annual election and installation of officers between September 1 and June 30th. The "Report of Installation" form must be received by the National Headquarters by July 31st of each year. Any time throughout the year and there was a change in any Officer's position, that new officer must be sworn in accordance with Administrative Procedures and a new "Report of Installation" form must be submitted.

NATIONAL BYLAWS, ARTICLE IX

Detachments

Section 940. Election of Officers

Each detachment shall hold an annual election and installation of officers between September 1 and May 15. Installation must be conducted no later than the last day of the month subsequent to the election. The "Report of Installation" form must be received by the National Headquarters by June 30th of each year to establish credentials for the National Convention. A Detachment is NOT in good standing if this report is not received.

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IRS Form 990-N - Those Detachments, Departments or other entities which qualify under the IRS regulations may elect to file an IRS Form 990-N, an e-postcard on-line filing. Since there is no printed copy of this filing, these entities will file a copy of the E-Mail Acceptance Receipt that is returned from the IRS. The submission will be via their Department Paymaster.

Prepared by Commandant Jon VanTol

Are you leaving scholarship money on the table?

By Jerry McKeon

Marines, with the cost of a continuing education, it is suggested that qualified students in your Marine family look more than one place to find scholarship money. If you are only applying for a scholarship grant from the Department of Michigan Marine Corps League Foundation, there are at least two more sources to check out. A student, where his father is a member of our department, applied to the Marine Corps Foundation and received a \$5,000 grant. He accepted his check on a stage alongside The Marine Corps Commandant and the Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps. Very special! The Marine was as excited as his son who benefited from the grant.

In a conversation with the National Marine Corps League Scholarship spokesperson, after all was said and done, about 150 scholarships were approved last year. For the past two years, scholarship awards were pegged at \$800.00 for each recipient. Application for scholarships are handled in the spring, and the scholarship committee meets at the summer convention to review and determine what applicants will receive an award; distribution of the award money occurs sometime after that.

Certainly, submitting an application for consideration is well worth it. For the most part qualifications are about the same or a bit more relaxed, so chances are very good your student could pass the test as most of the criteria is similar to the Department of Michigan scholarship fund.

But don't stop reading yet, there's one more scholarship fund for Marines that awards sizable grants to students in Marine families - the Marine Corps Foundation. Application must be in by March 3rd, so for this year, the opportunity for a scholarship has passed.

For your student, this is all free money that can offset the high cost of furthering their education.

Your occupation, affiliations and memberships are important as often student scholarships are part of the benefit of belonging.

Check it out!

Senior Vice Art Menard suggests all Detachments consider a Yearly Calendar as well as a list of duties for Paymaster, Adjutant and Commandant.

At the Midwinter rally I shared a Detachment Commandant and an Adjutant/Paymaster yearly itinerary. Our Sr Vice Commandant Art Menard sent me the Upper Peninsula 444 Commandant yearly calendar. They give a list of what is usually done that month. Also reminders are there to ensure IRS 990's, State Corporation filings, and Report of Officers Installation are done. It will assist you when you do your monthly agenda and help ensure you remember important action items. It was well received and the membership requested they be sent out as word documents so they could fine tune them to their Detachment.

Please consider adding one to your officers binder. Make them specific to your Detachment.

Also the Department is working to make the yearly report of the Person/Location of your Charter and your Banking information into a fallible PDF. It will be added to the Department website so they can be done at the same time as the ROI. These items will make it easier to remain in compliance with the Bylaw reporting requirements.

Upper Peninsula Detachment #444

Marine Corps League

Annual Calendar / Events Schedule

Every Detachment should prepare a Yearly calendar. Ask your membership to insert important dates into their pocket calendar—hopefully this will create better attendance. Here is three months of Commandant Art Menard's calendar for Detachment #444.

January

01 Jan. Happy New Year

Early Jan. Midwinter Registration and Strip Tickets

15 Jan. Toys for Toys After Action Report Deadline

Early Jan. Toy Report Dinner / Auxiliary & Detachment Installation

Mid Jan. Detachments Commandant Report due for Midwinter report

Late Jan. to early Feb. Dept. of Mi. Midwinter Rally

Jan. 4th Wednesday - No Detachment Meeting

February

Feb. 4th Wednesday - No Detachment Meeting

28 Feb. Detachment Anniversary

March

Mar. 4th Wednesday - Detachment Meeting

E-Mail Sr. Vice Commandant Menard shows his calendar for the year.

E-mail Editor for a copy of responsibilities for Commandant, Paymaster and Adjutant

Kenneth V. Rice Feb 15, 1921-Nov 12, 2019

Ken Rice was raised and educated in Bad Axe, Michigan. He graduated from high school in January of 1939 and entered the U.S. Marine Corps in April of that year. After completing boot camp, Ken went on to North Island, California for flight training, receiving his wings as an enlisted aviator before being sent to Chunking, China, in mid-1940. He was then sent on to Shanghai with the old 4th Marines and then to Bataan in the Philippine Islands. Ken was there when Bataan fell and he was captured by the Japanese. He was a survivor of the infamous Bataan Death March. Ken was sent to Japan in 1943 aboard a Japanese "Hell Ship," which was sunk by an American submarine. Ken, being on deck, survived, while 700 American P.O.W.s below decks drowned. Ken Rice ended up in a prison camp outside of Nagasaki. For one month at a time the Americans worked in the coal mines, followed by one month on the docks unloading ships. They alternated with the Dutch P.O.W.s. On August 9, 1945, the second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. The Americans, working in the mines, survived. The Dutch P.O.W.s didn't. The Americans knew something had happened because the Japanese guards didn't come for them. Ken and another P.O.W. made it to Camp 17 at Fukuoka, Japan, where they were put aboard a B-25 and flown to Okinawa in September 1945. They then went by C-54 cargo plane to Guam and after a stay in the hospital, to San Francisco for more tests and evaluations, to Great Lakes, Illinois, and then home to Bad Axe. Sgt. Ken Rice remained in the Marine Corps and in 1951 was sent to Korea as a forward air observer on the front lines. Sergeant Major Ken Rice retired in 1960 in Saginaw, Michigan.



Kenneth Verne Rice, Saginaw, Michigan

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Saginaw Senior Care & Rehab Center. He was 98 years old. Ken was born February 15, 1921 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He married the love of his life, Lois Wellendorf on April 7, 1950 in Angola, Indiana. Ken graduated from Bad Axe high school in January of 1939 and joined the United States Marine Corps in April of that year. He proudly and courageously served his country during World War II. His plane was shot down over the Philippines and he was captured by the Japanese. Ken was a survivor of the infamous Bataan Death March, as well as the torpedoing and sinking of the Japanese prisoner ship that he was being transported on. While being held captive in Nagasaki, Japan, he was forced to work in the coal mines which shielded him from the blast of the atomic bomb. In 1951 he returned valiantly to the battlefield, serving as a forward air observer on the front lines of the Korean War. Through his honorable and dedicated service to our country, Ken earned the rank of Sergeant Major, retiring from the United States Marine Corps in 1960. On September 18, 2019 the Aleda E. Lutz VA Activities Pavilion was dedicated in honor of Ken. He was employed by the Saginaw County Sheriff Department as a Detective Lieutenant, and was instrumental in the creation of the Sheriff Posse. He retired from the Saginaw County Sheriff Department after 22 years of service. Ken was a faithful and active member of Second Presbyterian Church for many years. He was also a life member of American Legion Post 439, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Elks Club of Tawas, and the Freemasons.

Ken loved riding his horse "Chief", with the Saginaw County Sheriff Posse. He also enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, and reading. What Ken really loved most was spending time with his family.

Veteran's Notes

No Down Payment VA Home Loans Now Available

If you are a veteran planning on purchasing a new home, and you have little money to make a down payment, your timing is perfect. In January, a new law governing mortgages guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs took effect. Among the most significant changes, borrowers seeking a VA mortgage, can borrow any amount of money, as long as they qualify, with no down payment. Previously no down payment loans were capped at the same level as conforming loans. (In the \$450,000-\$500,00 range depending on the state and marketing area you live in.) In the past, a 25% down payment was required. Interest rates are generally 1/8th to 1/4th point lower than conventional rates.

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY. Two years ago, President Trump signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, establishing a National Vietnam War Veterans Day that will be observed every March 29 in perpetuity.

A far cry from the reception received by Vietnam veterans returning home after putting their lives on the line. Recognizing that over 56,000 combatants returned home in flag draped caskets, the lawmakers finally realized, that the real heroes are not those who fled to Canada or sought medical reasons for avoiding the draft, it's the brave men and women that wore civilian clothes home to avoid the disgusting behavior of many. Our nation is finally getting around to say thank you to our Vietnam vets and welcome home.

Veteran of the Year

On Page 19 and 20 of this Newsletter, there's an application and instructions to nominate a Veteran for the "Veteran of the Year" award.

Is there a Veteran in your detachment that deserves such an award?

Marine Of the Year

On Page 18 of this newsletter, there is a nomination form for you to complete if you wish to nominate a fellow Marine for this special award.

Is there a Marine in your detachment that deserves such an award?

DETACHMENT NEWS

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Good Citizenship Award presented by Upper Peninsula Detachment #444



Marines gather in front of a Memorial Monument.



Lake Superior Detachment #764 members providing a Color Guard for the opening of the annual U.P. 200 Sled Dog Race in Marquette, Mi. on 14 February 2020.



Tracy Tippet Completes her Devil Dog Pedigree Initiation.



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**We Are The
Power of Many**

SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN MARINE OF THE YEAR

Fellow Marines, Navy Corpsmen, Navy Chaplains

Every year at the Department Convention in June one League member is honored as the Department Marine of The Year. Please consider nominating one of your fellow members for this high honor. The winner receives a Department of Michigan Marine of the Year Medallion, a beautiful wall plaque and his/her name will be added to the large and impressive trophy, it's over three feet tall. It's our version of the Stanley Cup and the winner gets to keep it for one year. The winner also becomes a member of the Department of Michigan Marine of the Year Society with the right to participate in choosing the Marine of the Year every year thereafter.

Any member of the League, or a Detachment, can submit a nomination. What we are looking for are qualities and performance that exemplify the best ideals of the League. Participation in the Marine Corps League at the Department level is the most heavily weighted criteria. He or she should have performed outstanding service to the Department and to the League (at any other level.) We also consider service to his or her community and the veterans' community. Examples include being a Department and/or Detachment officer or committee member; working on Department and Detachment projects; volunteering at a V.A. Medical Center or other V.A. or non-V.A. medical facilities; participating in Veterans Day, Memorial Day and other patriotic events; organizing and/or participating in charitable activities, especially those that aid veterans or our Marines and other forces on active or reserve duty; participation in civic activities, both state and local, and in other service organizations; advocating for veteran's rights and programs. These are examples only. You may know of additional reasons to nominate a member.

To make a nomination we need a written description of the nominee's activities and an explanation of why it is worthy of recognition. Think of it as a writing a resume. It is not limited to this year and the description should cover as many years as possible. You can include newspaper clippings, copies of awards, on-line links showing the nominee, etc. A brief description of the nominee's United States Marine Corps service is also welcome, but not a consideration unless it involved the League.

You can submit by email (this is the preferred method) as well as through the U.S. mail. The addresses are:

For email: mimclmoy@gmail.com Put "Department of Michigan MOY" in the subject line.

By U.S. mail send to: PDC David Masunas, Marine of the Year Chairman

214 West Jackson Rd., Hart, Michigan 49420

The award is presented at the Department Convention banquet and the winner is not notified in advance. It is hoped and expected (but not mandatory) that he/she will be present and surprised. If your nominee wins you will be contacted in secrecy and encouraged to try to have the winner attend the Department convention and banquet. Be sure to put your name, address, phone number(s) and email address in the nomination.

THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 30, 2020. THE NOMINATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR HANDS BY THAT DATE AT MIDNIGHT. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CHAPTER TEN DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR SOCIETY

SECTION 1000: Department Marine of the Year Society

(2) Nominations — A letter of nomination for the Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League Marine of the Year Award must be submitted in the following manner:

- a. Only regular members in good standing are eligible for this award.
- b. Letters of Nominations will only be accepted from members in good standing in the Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League.
- c. Letters of Nomination must be sent via U. S. Mail to the Chairman of the Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League, Marine of the Year Society, or delivered by email or other means allowed by the chairman, and must be postmarked or delivered no later than 30 April of each year. The chairman may also allow letters of nomination to be delivered by other forms of communication.
- d. The Society will not accept any nomination which was not submitted and/or received as required.

THE COMMANDERS GROUP

MICHIGAN VETERAN OF THE YEAR 2019-20

No. _____ Official Use Only _____

MIVVOY Society Committee

c/o Phillip S. Smith, Chair

7774 Patton

Detroit, MI 48228

NOMINATION FORM

By the approval of the supervision of the Commanders Group, and conducted by members of the judging of a designated member of the veterans organizations, of the Michigan Veteran of the Year Selection Committee, we ask that the following be submitted:

Name _____ Date of Submission _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____ Highest Rank Held: _____

Military Decorations _____

Veterans Affiliations: _____

Veterans Organization(s); Offices held, (Executive or appointed) _____

Civilian Organization (s) (Civic, Service, Fraternal, etc) _____

Civilian Citations: _____

Nominating Organization: _____

Authorized Signature – Commander/Commandant/President: Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Authorized Signature Signature/Adjutant/Secretary

Name:

Print Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS OF VETERAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS IS MAY 15, 2020

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Use SEPARATE SHEETS to summarize such Veteran or Civilian activities, worthy of consideration. Previous military service or such service decorations received, as at times the DD-214 does not show any, however received later. A copy of the DD-214 is required as there is a point system utilized for awarding on a complete package. The main point of the board is to Honor the Michigan Veteran of the Year, who has contributed most to benefit Veterans and their families, to include the community. His/her veterans organization or community as a whole, on their contributions are well deserving of the nomination. Considerable consideration is given to financial and remuneration or political intent. Elective or appointed officers – receiving no salary may receive due consideration for outstanding effort, but such offices attained are also considered honors already received by your organization. Due credit for service in years past, but greater credit goes for accomplishments in recent years (the last year).

All candidates nominated must be properly filed on forms provided by the Michigan Veteran of the Year Committee, and returned to the Committee on the deadline date.

The nominations pertaining to this, may be provided by the veterans organization, i.e. Department, or State Council, and sent down to the lower echelon, this is helpful to start at the top, as it is also a form of communication to take part in submissions. Many of the Chapters, Detachments or Post do not get the word.

The following is guidance of submission

A Copy of the DD-214, this is shredded after the completion of the judging and or returned upon request.

No photographs - not required.

Items of interest when submitting:

What have their accomplishments been for the organization (past year)

What have they contributed for the Department or Council (past year)

What have they contributed to the community (outside the veterans organization)

What have they accomplished as a whole

A good point in question would be: **A good write-up, is better then no write-up at all** . Write in your opinion, why this individual is most deserving to be nominated and selected as the Michigan Veteran of the Year.

Just for information, in the past few years, nominations have been given for an overall individuals accomplishments and achievements. One of the nominations provided information relative to what he or she did for external organizations, and nothing for the veterans side. Lets try and give an overall write-up, bringing into focus not only veterans assistance, but as well as community as a whole. Don't just focus on what he or she has provided for the VA Hospitals, overall what has this individual accomplished, veterans work hard, and get no pay, they are volunteers for the most part and deserve to be recognized. Whether they are male or female, it does not matter. Keeping in mind all are veterans, and they do an outstanding job, regardless of gender.

A GUEST'S PROSPECTIVE By Anonymous

Do you ever wish your yearly dues were higher? - Let me tell you why you should consider it.

Research tells me a very large percentage of U.S. citizens know nothing about the Marine Corps League; by allowing an additional dues payment, you could work with a PR firm to promote the organization. It would also help you build the membership. This would also work well with a membership drive.

When you talk to a Marine who knows nothing about your organization, that means trouble. By creating a greater presence, and outlining the good you do for your community and society, it becomes considerably easier to recruit and retain members. By raising your image, broadcasting your presence and demonstrating the good you do in your communities, the attraction to the organization will have gone up several notches.

An example of what a good PR program can do. In 1998, a survey taken by the National Association of Realtors, indicated 75% of Americans did not know the difference between a Realtor and a real estate agent. To remedy this, the chairman of the National Association of Realtors Communication committee recommend that a major public relation program be implemented and a special assessment be levied on the membership. The committee did not become discouraged just because they were told many times it will never get approved by the membership. And the fact that they were asking one million Realtor members to pay an extra ten dollars a year to handle it was insane.

Well, they were successful in selling the idea. The program is now in its 22nd year, and now the 75% number belongs to those that are aware of the Realtor designation; the membership count soared to 1,300,000— more than 300,000 new members as real estate agent with no affiliation flocked to join when they learned the benefits.

Ok, realistically, this idea will never fly but it illustrates what needs to be done. The good news is, you can do things to raise awareness without hiring a PR firm to help you.

It was noted there was not a Public Relations spot on the roster. Maybe you should consider filling it.

A major responsibility of the committee would be to encourage and assist detachments in writing press releases for just about everything you do. Installations, fundraisers, donor events, scholarships and other events the public needs to know about.

The committee would assist in gathering local contacts for press releases and identify news outlets that would be open to publishing the releases. Every detachment should have a member capable of writing a press release and identifying times when one should be released. That might be a good assignment for an auxiliary member.

Can you imagine if 15, 20, 30 press releases a year found its way into local newspapers? It would make a difference.

It can almost be promised that new inquires and memberships can be expected.



13th ANNUAL Marine Corps League Macomb Detachment #154 Military Rifle Fun Shoot

Saturday 18 April 2020

Hosted by

Detroit Sportsmen's Congress ~ Rifle Committee



Location:	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress 49800 Dequindre, Utica, MI 48317 www.d-s-c.org 586-739-3500	Awards:	First Place Trophies for Marine, Non-Marine, Women and Bench Shooters First through Third Place Trophies for juniors 16 and under shooting .22's
Match Date:	Saturday, 18 April 2020	Contact info:	Match Director: Scott Neff P.O. Box 183610 7755 22 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp. MI 48318 248-798-5776 scott.neff@marinemaddog.com
Match Time:	Lunch 12:30 pm (clubhouse) Registration: 1315 (1:15 pm) Mandatory Safety Brief: 1345 (1:45 pm) Match first relay 1400 (2 pm)	Miscellaneous:	Range is covered with a cement firing line. Eye and Ear protection required for all.
Course of Fire:	20-shot aggregate, 5-shots each position Prone, sitting, kneeling and standing Bench shooting, allowed for those unable to shoot positions and for .22 juniors	Profits:	All profits support Marine Corps League, Macomb County Detachment charities
Arms & Ammo:	As issued U.S. military arms: 03 Springfield, M1, M1 Carbine, Ar-15 etc. Juniors: 16 and under can shoot .22's If you do not have a rifle, rifles will be provided. All ammunition provided. However, we offer a \$20 discount if you supply your own centerfire ammo. \$10 discount for your own .22 ammo. Minimum 20-rounds required.	Directions:	D.S.C. is approx. 8-miles east of I-75 & 2-miles north of M-59. (Dequindre exit) Range is east of Dequindre, off Juengel Road (200-yards north of Hamlin Road). Turn east on Juengel Road, go (500-ft.) to gate on north (left) side and follow road past the pistol ranges to the rifle range. GPS, the range is: N 42° 39.44', W 83° 05.31'
Registration:	Advance registration discount Save \$5 if you register by 4 April 2020		Clubhouse is north of Juengel Road past the shotgun building, turn right into the parking lot. Head to the tan building in the northeast corner. (Lunch location)
Entry Fees:	Adult and Jr. (centerfire) day of shoot \$40. Junior (.22) day of shoot \$25. Entry fee includes lunch		

Please forgive the blurry type. It's the best I could do transferring from a PDF file.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Category: ☐ Marine ☐ Non-marine ☐ Women ☐ Junior ☐ Bench ☐ Junior 16 and under firing .22

Firearm: ☐ M1 ☐ M1 Carbine ☐ AR-15 ☐ Own rifle

Ammo: ☐ 30-06 ☐ 30 Carbine ☐ .223 ☐ Bringing ammo

Send completed form and check for total fee, payable to:
Macomb County Det. MCL
P.O. Box 183610
7755 22 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp. MI 48318 248-798-5776 scott.neff@marinemaddog.com

Entry Fee: _____

Early Reg. Discount: _____

Ammo Discount: _____

Total Fee: \$ _____

National Scouting Committee

Dave Masunas, Chairman



Recently elevated to Committee chair of the National Scout Committee, Department Jr. Past Commandant Dave Masunas, reported to the membership at the National Mid-Winter meeting the total number of awards given, state-by-state.



Broken down into divisions, the Southeast division, by far and away, handled the most at 465 Eagle Scout presentations. Michigan, in the Central division, fell in the middle of the pack at 232.

When comparing states, Pennsylvania, handled 279 presentations by themselves bringing the total for the division to 399. Michigan at 47 presentation, showed better than many of the states, many handling zero presentations.

This is such an important program that ingratiates the local scouting community to the local detachments presenting the awards.

Dave is perfect for this committee assignment as he has always promoted this program handling many on his own.



Dave's holding "Stargirl," who accompanies Dave to all conventions. This year, the Honorable DD Chief from last year and the National Commandant are pictured with "Stargirl." Watch for detail on Stargirl's National travels.

Department Commandant Jon VanTol and Auxiliary Secretary Sandy VanTol, both with busy schedules, need to take time for a short lunch. Even if eating off a paper plate in your lap is lunch. Always trying to save money I'll bet.



Marine Corps League and Boy Scouts of America Announce a New Partnership



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
&
BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA



Square Knot AWARD

The Community Organization Award is designed to recognize Marine Corps League members who are actively involved in the Scouting program. This award is not meant to be a selective or limited award, but one that is available to any Marine Corps League member who completes the requirements for the award. The award is meant to recognize the dedication and work required by a Marine Corps League member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in the Marine Corps League.



The award is a gold and purple square knot, which may be worn only on the Scout uniform. A congratulatory letter from the Marine Corps League National Boy Scout Committee Chair is included as recognition for this award. Department or Detachment Commandants may recognize Marine Corps League members who earn this award as they deem appropriate.

Contact National Scout Committee Chairman Dave Masunas for additional information –masunasfam@gtlakes.com,

Boy Scouts and Marine Corps League Partner Up



The concept of the Community Organization Award is similar to the adult religious recognition program in that the award itself and the criteria for granting the award is under the ownership and auspices of the particular national chartered organization which presents the award. The intent of the National Uniform and Insignia Committee is to provide a square knot for Scouters who have received a BSA accepted and authorized award from a national community organization.

The Boy Scouts of America's Community Organization Award square knot consists of an embroidered gold square knot on a purple background with a gold border and is the means by which the BSA recognizes Scouters who have received an approved community organization service recognition. As with all other square knots, it is worn on the Scouter uniform shirt above the left pocket.

Development of the Award

Community Organization Award is a generic term used by the BSA to identify a category of awards used by secular, national, community organizations to recognize their members for voluntary service and achievement. The organization must also be a BSA national chartered organization. The recognition piece, the concept of the award, and the criteria for awarding and presenting it are developed and owned by the national community organization which is also a chartered organization with the Boy Scouts of America.

To ensure compatibility with the objectives and mission of the Boy Scouts of America, the concept, requirements, and criteria for presenting the award must be approved by the BSA National Relationships Committee.

The Awarding Process

A Community Organization Award (COA) square knot is available for registered volunteers to wear on their Scout uniform. This square knot denotes that a Scout volunteer has been recognized by one of 20 approved national chartered organization partners for Scout service within that organization. Those organizations are as follows:

- AFL/CIO George Meany Award
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Good Turn Service Award
- Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G. Horton Youth Service Award
- American Legion Scouting Award
- AMVET Boy Scouts of America Youth Outreach Award
- ARRL Amateur Radio Service to Scouting Award
- Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Marvin M. Lewis Award
- Department of Defense-United States Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
- International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians Cliff Dochterman Award
- Kiwanis International – Boy Scouts of America Community Organization Award
- Lions Club Scouting Service Award
- Masonic Daniel Carter Beard Scouter Award
- Military Order of the World Wars
- National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Boy Scout Volunteer Award | Requirements
- Nonprofit Leadership Alliance H. Roe Bartle Training Award



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Flint Dawgs Pound #288

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PACKET

June 12-14—2020

**HOLIDAY INN, GATEWAY CENTER
Flint**



The Flint Dawgs Pound #288 is the host for the 2020 Department Convention. We are requesting all Detachments and Auxiliary Units support us in placing an ad in the Convention ad book. This will help in defraying some of the costs associated in hosting this convention. It helps us in ways such as hosting our hospitality evening in purchasing enough food & beverages. It helps in providing a Saturday morning breakfast for our members, for those that may not want to take the time to eat in the restaurant.

Both of these events are being hosted by our ladies of the Flint Auxiliary.

See our ad for pricing and where to send your ad.

Semper Fi

And thanks for your support.

We look forward to a fun filled and productive

Department Convention.



2020 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN MCL/MCLA CONVENTION
YOUR HOST—MODD POUND #288 FLINT DAWGS
JUNE 12-14 2020

LOCATION:

Holiday Inn Gateway Center
5353 Gateway Circle
Flint, Michigan 48507
Tel: (810) 232-5300
WWW. Holidayinn/Flint.mi.com

ROOMS:

All Guest rooms include either Double or King size beds, there are also some poolside rooms, wireless highspeed internet and cable TV. Some rooms have refrigerators. The hotel also has handicap accessible rooms. If you have a need for a handicap room, please inform the hotel when you make your reservations. Reservations can be made directly to the hotel at 810-232-5300 or online at www.flintgateway.com. Use code "MMC." The room rate is \$105.00+ 11% tax, for a total of \$116.55 per night.

Cut off Date For Room Rate is May 12, 2020

STRIP TICKET

Registration Deadline: - May 25, 2020

Registration: \$5.00

Hospitality: \$20.00—Includes Friday evening and Saturday Breakfast

Banquet: \$35.00—Buffet style including 2 meats

Complete the attached and send to: Jon VanTol, 3433 Fairway Drive
Bay City, Mi 48706

**2020 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
Department Convention
Your Host: Flint Dawgs #288**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Detachment/Unit: _____

Name/Title/Detachment/Unit

For Name Tag: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Detachment/Unit: _____

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For Name Tag: _____

Strip Ticket: \$60.00 #Attending = _____\$

Registration: \$5.00 # Attending: = _____\$

Hospitality: \$20.00 # Attending = _____\$

Banquet: \$35.00 # Attending:= _____\$

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please assist us with planning our Banquet by registering no later than May 25, 2020. Make check or money order payable to:

Please mail form to:

Flint Dawgs, Pound #28

PDD Jon VanTol

3433 Fairway

Bay City, Michigan 48706



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Company/Individual Name:_____

Contact Person:_____

Address: _____

City, State. Zip Code:_____

Telephone Number w/ area code:_____

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION MAY 29, 2020

Department of Michigan Marine Corps League Foundation

Marines:

We are introducing an exciting new program that can put your detachment in the spotlight.

Many Detachments do not have the time or resources to develop their own scholarship program. The Foundation now offers a way for you to fulfill your mission statement and grant a scholarship as well.

The Foundation belongs to all Marines associated with the Department of Michigan Marine Corps League, so we want you to share in the glory - so to speak.

Just making an educated estimate, perhaps more than \$100,000 dollars is collectively raised through donations by all Michigan detachments. Dedicating a total of \$10,000+/- to the Foundation will allow us to continue and build the popular scholarship program; it will bring both of our organizations into the spotlight. This builds our reputation; our membership ranks and pushes us to greater heights.

Please consider joining the program. It will add another great element to your charitable giving program.

Gratefully,

D. Jerry McKeon

President

PLEASE NOTE: We provide assistance and fund Veteran activities as well.



THE FOUNDATION SEEKS YOUR SUPPORT

Marine Corps League Members

ANNOUNCING!

Pledge to the Foundation and We'll Grant a Scholarship in your Detachment's Name.

Pledge 10% of your annual donor revenue and the Foundation will name a scholarship grant in your detachment's name. As an example:

The Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Marine Corps League Detachment #159

In cooperation with

The Department of Michigan Marine Corps League Foundation

Is pleased to grant you a scholarship to help offset the cost of continuing your education.

Congratulations!

The Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Detachment #159

% VFW Post 9222

3025 Coolidge Hwy., Berkley, Michigan 48072

Department of Michigan Marine Corps League Foundation

(note: Cpl. Stanley L. Moore is the first Detachment to pledge 10% and one Scholarship next year will be in their name.



THE FOUNDATION SEEKS YOUR SUPPORT

Marine Corps League Members

Gotta Have Rules:

Minimum yearly donation \$500.00

Detachments can opt-out at anytime

Period from 6-1-to 5-31 of following year

The number of scholarship grants will determine

the number of scholarships we can share

Selectees determined by May 1st. Awards around October 1st

Detachment's can select a scholarship winner from the list of students approved for a scholarship.

Detachment can make the presentation to designated winner

Foundation will assist in coordinating a press release

Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Detachment #159 is the first Detachment to commit to the program. They will present their first Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Scholarship this fall.

Founders Club Members

March 2020

# 1. Jon and Sandy VanTol	#26. Dept of Michigan MCL	#51 - Cpt. Joseph Tomlinson	#76 - open
#2 Dave & Kendra Masunas	#27. Terry Dowhan	#52 - Marine Frank Rosinski	#77 - open
#3 D. Jerry & Dianne M. McKeon	#28. Michael W. Miller	#53.— Alaina Kroneman	#78 - open
#4. Marine Al Pearson	#29. Michael V. Kell	#54 - Anonymous	#79 - PDC Anthony Wade
#5. CWO4 Kevin D. Magin	#30. Michael V. Kell	#55. Steven Kelley	#80. Memory of Angela VanTol
#6. Marine Earl Allison	#31. MODD – Flint Dawgs	#56. Benjamin M. VanTol	#81. Honor of Justin & Amanda VanTol
#7 Muskegon Marine Corps Lea.	#32. Friend Stephen Henes	#57. Gavin C. VanTol	#82 - open
#8. Marine Robert Larson	#33. MODD – Michigan Pack	#58. Montford Point Marines	#83 - open
#9. Timothy Eckstein	#34. Robert L. Hencken	#59. Marine Art Menard	#84 - open
#10. Edson Kline VanSlyke	#35. Olaf Kroneman	#60.— Chaplain Fred Green	#85 - open
#11. Marine Don L. Lumsden	#36. Petoskey Detachment #690	#61.— Dearborn Detachment	#86 - open
#12. North Oakland Detachment	#37. 37th CMC Robert Neller	#62.— MCLA Flint Unit	#87 - open
#13. John C. Rock Detachment	#38. Kalamazoo Detach #879	#63.— Ashcraft	#88. Memory of Helen Patterson
#14. Stephen B Fletcher	#39 William Fuller – Troy Honda	#64. Army—Dan & Dalna McKeon	#89 - open
#15. George Dragisity	#40. The McKeon Family	#65—	#90 - open
#16. Michelle Dragisity	#41. MODD -DD Pound Six	#66. Cpl. Jack & Toni Rittenberg	#91. Marine Richard W. Donovan
#17. Bradley & Laura Gipson	#42. Alpena Detachment	#67 - open	#92 - open
#18. David Murnighan Detac.	#43, Matthew M. Hagaman	#68 - open	#93
#19. Cpl. Stanley L. Moore #159	#44. Ann and Ted LeClair	#69 -Marine Gerald M. Hartwig	#94 - open
#20. St Joseph County Detach	#45. The Flint Detachment	#70 - Marine David Wojta	#95 - open
#21. Fred and Joan MacDonald	#46. Marine Robert McKeon	#71. Paul & Judy Smigowski	#96 - Don and Shawnie Dewar
#22. Steven D. & Cheryl A. Kelley	#47 - Janice Erichsen—friend	#72. -open	#97 - open
#23. Marine Donald Roach	#48. —Marine Wm. Schaard	#73 - open	#98 - In Honor of Ken Rice
#24. Michaël and Allison Honev	#49. Dee Becke (Masunas)	#74 - Marine Lennie Brooks	#99. Keweenaw Detachment
#25. Kalamazoo Detachment	#50. Upper Peninsula Detach	#75 – William LaMarch	#100.Lion Steven M VanTol

There are 18 Founders Coins Left.



FOUNDATION NEWS

Thank you!

It's very gratifying to receive thank you notes from scholarship recipients, but even more so when you hear from a student who has his career so carefully planned. This young student is in the NROTC program and wants to be a Marine aviator. In his busy schedule he still found time to thank us for the grant. You are very welcome Connor R.

In his first semester at Grand Valley, Evan S. is pursuing a degree in computer science. On behalf of his family, Connor extended a thank you for the scholarship check. Most families are as thrilled as the students, when household money does not have to be used for college expenses. Good luck Evan as you pursue your dreams.

Thank you for your recent grant in assisting me with my education. As a recipient of the 2020 scholarship grant, I want to sincerely thank you for funding the scholarship. I am pursuing a commission in the Marine Corps so the fact that I have received the scholarship is extremely supportive. I am a NROTC Midshipman and National Security and Foreign Affairs major, who is venturing to become a Marine Aviator. I am confident that your endorsement will help me further my goals. Very Respectfully and Semper Fidelis.

Required Mandatory Withdrawal—Qualified Charitable Distributions

For those 70 ½ years of age, and owner of a traditional IRA account, you can meet the required minimum distribution (RMD) by taking advantage of the Qualified Charitable Distribution. It's an excellent way to make a donation to the foundation and receive a tax benefit

As you plan your required minimum distributions (RMD) for this year, consider using your IRA account to make the most of your charitable giving. You receive a tax benefit even if you take the standard deduction! Of note: while the new SECURE Act has raised the age to 72 for Required Minimum Distributions, donors may still make QCD gifts starting the year they turn 70 ½. It's important to consider your tax situation before deciding whether to make a charitable contribution from your IRA. Be sure to share this gift plan with your financial advisor.

Qualifications:

You must be 70½ or older at the time of gift.

Distributions must be made directly from a traditional IRA account by your IRA administrator to the Department of Michigan Marine Corps League Foundation.

Gifts must be outright, meaning they go directly to the Foundation.

Gifts from 401k, 403b, SEP and other plans do not qualify. Check with your financial adviser.



THE FOUNDATION SEEKS YOUR SUPPORT

Marine Corps League Members

Your donation to the Foundation is used for the very same purpose as donations to the department. The Foundation has been inactive for a number of years; but losing the income from the Great Lakes Marketing program forced us to seek other revenue sources. It fell upon the shoulders of the Foundation. Because the Internal Revenue Service carefully scrutinizes charitable organizations, it was necessary to change the way we handle our scholarship and veteran assistance programs. Often asked questions:

Q. Are donations to the Foundation deductible?

A. Absolutely, we are a designated 501(c)(3) charitable operation.

Q. Are donations to the foundation used for the same purpose?

A. The money is used for the very same programs and charities as designated by the Department.

Q. Applicants for scholarship grants formerly applied to the Department Scholarship program. Why was it changed to the Foundation Scholarship program?

A. In the past, the Foundation wrote a single check to the department and the department distributed the scholarship checks. IRS rules require that foundations like ours, write a check directedly to the recipient and show proof to the IRS if asked. Prior we sent a single check to the department and they distributed checks the scholarship winners. We were not 100% assured the money was used for the purpose intended. We would be unable to prove to the IRS that it was all used for scholarships.

Q. How are donors assured donations will be used for charitable causes.

A. Yearly, the Foundation must file a detailed (about 28 pages) report summarizing our activity over the past year. Like all non-profit organizations, we file the 990EZ form – the 990N postcard is not acceptable.

Q. Who makes the decisions on how the Foundation spends their money?

A. The foundation board of directors are the same Marines that guide our Department. (Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Paymaster, Adjutant, etc.) The president is selected by the Board of directors and given certain limitations and guidelines by the Board of Directors.

Q. Does anyone associated with the Foundation receive payment for their services?

A. No one is paid. Purely all volunteer.

Q. Are donations used for veteran activities as well?

A. Absolutely. Combined with what the department spends, the Foundation sets aside money for veteran activities as well.

Q. How often are meetings held, and could anyone attend?

A. Meeting are held at both the summer convention and Winter Rally. All League members are welcome to attend.

HONOR ROLL

Detachments

Department of Michigan Marine Corps League Foundation

1 January 2018 to Present

Detachment Donors

Why not begin the New Year purchasing one of our Founder's Coins. Its a donation to an IRS approved 501(c)(3) organization and provides a significant boost to our Corpus Fund. The Founder's coin is \$100.00, and your detachment's name will be prominently displayed on our Founder's Board. There are loads of worthy causes but supporting students and veterans causes is certainly one of the better investments.

Detachments/Units/ Devil Dogs/ Purchasing A Founder's Coin:

Muskegon Detachment
Edson Kline VanSlyke Detachment
North Oakland Detachment
John C. Rock Detachment
David Murnighan Detachment
Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Detachment
St. Joseph County Detachment
Kalamazoo Detachment
Department of Michigan
MODD Department of Michigan Pack
MODD – Pound Six
MODD Pound 244 – Flint Dawgs
Petoskey Detachment
Alpena Detachment
The Flint Detachment,
Upper Peninsula Detachment
Montford Point Detachment
Keweenaw Detachment
MCL Auxiliary —Flint Unit
Dearborn Detachment
Belcher Lane Williams Detachment

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Important Military Holidays and Observations For 2020

Thanks to Frank Arminio for The Information

February 3, 2020 – Four Chaplains Day – A day to remember the four U.S. Army chaplains who made the ultimate sacrifice the USAT Dorchester sank during World War II.

February 19, 2020 - Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

March 3, 2020 – Navy Reserve Birthday

March 13, 2020 – 2020 K-9 Veterans Day – A day to honor the services of the K9 Corps

March 25, 2020 – Medal of Honor Day – A holiday to honor the heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients

March 29, 2020 – Vietnam Veterans Day – a national holiday to recognize and honor veterans who served in the Vietnam War.

April 5, 2020 – Gold Star Spouses Day – A day dedicated to those whose spouses gave their lives while serving in the U.S. Military or as a result of a service-connected injuries or illness.

April 14, 2020 – Air Force Reserve Birthday

May 1, 2020 - Silver Star Banner Day – Per congressional resolution. an official day to honor wounded, ill and injured Veterans.

May 16, 2020 -Armed Forces Day Observed on the 3rd Saturday of every May, this is a day paying tribute to the men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

May 25, 2020 – Memorial Day - A solemn occasion to honor the men and women who dies while serving in the military.

June 6, 2020 – Anniversary of the World War II Allied Invasion Day in Normandy France now known as D-Day

June 14, 2020 – Flag Day. – A day to celebrate the adoption of the U.S. flag.

June 14, 2020 – U.S. Army Birthday

June 23, 2020 – Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

June 27, 2020 – National PTSD Awareness Day – a day to bring awareness about issues related to PTSD.

July 4, 2020 – Independence Day –

JULY 27, 2020 – Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

August 4, 2020 – Coast Guard Birthday

August 7, 2020 – Purple Heart Day – A time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice.

August 29, 2020 – Marine Corps Reserve Birthday

September 11, 2020 – Patriots Day – An annual observance to remember those that were injured or killed during 9/11

September 18, 2020 – Air Force Birthday

September 27, 2020 – Gold Star Mother's and Family Day – the day to honor the families of fallen servicemembers.

October 13, 2020- Navy Birthday

November 10, 2020 – Marine Corps Birthday – oorah!

November 11, 2020 – Veteran's Day- This is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice treaty. A day to thank veterans.

December 7, 2020 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - The day Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

December 13, 2020 – National Guard Birthday

December 19, 2020 – National Wreaths Across America Day

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