

## Mideast Division



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## NATIONAL VICE COMMANDANT MESSAGE



Members of the Mideast Division,

The COVID pandemic is fading due to numerous individuals receiving their vaccines. The mask wearing requirements and social distancing has been lifted in many areas and this allows us to hold our division conference and department conventions. Detachments can meet physically to nominate and elect their officers and install them. This time of year is usually the busiest as we need to complete the following: hold elections and file the Report of Officer Installation (ROI); file an annual corporate report as required by your state; conduct an audit of your Paid Life Members (PLM) using the report of life members sent by National to your detachments for the fourth quarter ending June 30; file an annual IRS 990 N, 990 EZ or 990 as

necessary within 5 months following the end of your fiscal year and collect and submit membership dues transmittal forms via your department to National.

During the Commandant's council at the National Convention Sr. Vice Commandant Baker is going to require a Department Commandant's report. I am sure it may require you to report on the following:

Have all your detachment submitted their ROI? How many have not?

If your detachments are required to file a state annual corporate report, have they filed this report?

Have your detachments completed their PLM audits?

How many detachment have not filed their IRS 990's?

How are your detachments doing on the submission of dues transmittals?

Do you have a system to track each of these reports so you can review on a monthly basis which detachments have not completed their reports?

These reports are important as most are required to maintain your nonprofit status for IRS and your state and to ensure your insurance coverage from National is provided based on the ROI.

Start making plans to travel to the National Convention in Springfield, IL and to the Modern Day Marine Expo in Quantico in September.

Semper Fi,

Roger Ware

NVC

Mideast Division

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**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER**

**Heavenly Father,**

**On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.**

**Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.**

**We pray through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**



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**In recognition of Memorial Day please read the**

**Medal of Honor citation of Private First Class Melvin Earl Newlin.**

**He is a true Marine Warrior and served with NVC Roger Ware in Vietnam.**

**SEMPER FIDELIS!**



Private First Class Melvin Earl Newlin was a United States Marine who posthumously received the United States' highest military decoration – the Medal of Honor – for his actions in July 1967 during the Vietnam War.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a machine gunner attached to the 1st Platoon, Company F, 2d Battalion, on 3 and 4 July 1967. Pfc. Newlin, with 4 other marines, was manning a key position on the perimeter of the Nong Son outpost when the enemy launched a savage and well-coordinated mortar and infantry assault,

seriously wounding him and killing his 4 comrades. Propping himself against his machinegun, he poured a deadly accurate stream of fire into the charging ranks of the Viet Cong. Though repeatedly hit by small-arms fire, he twice repelled enemy attempts to overrun his position. During the third attempt, a grenade explosion wounded him again and knocked him to the ground unconscious. The Viet Cong guerrillas, believing him dead, bypassed him and continued their assault on the main force. Meanwhile, Pfc. Newlin regained consciousness, crawled back to his weapon, and brought it to bear on the rear of the enemy, causing havoc and confusion among them. Spotting the enemy attempting to bring a captured 106 recoilless weapon to bear on other marine positions, he shifted his fire, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and preventing them from firing the captured weapon. He then shifted his fire back to the primary enemy force, causing the enemy to stop their assault on the marine bunkers and to once again attack his machinegun position. Valiantly fighting off 2 more enemy assaults, he firmly held his ground until mortally wounded. Pfc. Newlin had single-handedly broken up and disorganized the entire enemy assault force, causing them to lose momentum and delaying them long enough for his fellow marines to organize a defense and beat off their secondary attack. His indomitable courage, fortitude, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of almost certain death reflect great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.



## 2021 Mideast Division Marine of the Year Scott Kirby - Department of West Virginia



Scott Kirby, second from left, Past Commandant for the Department of West Virginia, received the Mideast Division Marine of the Year Award on April 17, 2021 during the Mideast Division Conference in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Participating in the presentation were, from left, Department of Delaware Commandant Frank Mathers, Mideast National Vice Commandant Roger Ware, and Assistant National Vice Commandant Rick Thomason.

**Congratulations Scott!**

The photos taken during the 2021 MED Conference have been posted on the Dept of MD Facebook website [www.facebook.com/MarylandMarines/](http://www.facebook.com/MarylandMarines/) , the MCL National Facebook Page, and the Dept of DE website [www.mcldeptofdel.com/gallery](http://www.mcldeptofdel.com/gallery)

### Mideast Divison MCL Membership

As of 4/25/2021				
Department	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
Delaware	199	119	318	47
Maryland	719	237	956	256
North Carolina	1,245	883	2,128	328
Virginia	843	403	1,246	267
West Virginia	409	245	654	154
<b>Division Total</b>	<b>3,415</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>5,302</b>	<b>1,052</b>

#### **PROJECTED DEPARTMENT FOR HOSTING MIDEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE**

North Carolina – 2022, Maryland – 2023, West Virginia – 2024, Virginia – 2025 Delaware - 2026

#### **Det. Professional Development Training – Required Reports following Officer Installation:**

- Report of Officer Installation (ROI) completed and hard copy original mailed to your Department Adjutant. ALL Officers dues Must be paid and in good standing to be able to serve as an Officer whether Elected or Appointed.
  
- Annual Corporation Report (ACR) must be completed online after Officer Installation and a printed copy of the receipt emailed or mailed to your Department Adjutant. Fee’s may apply per individual state requirements. If you need assistance with this report, contact your Department Adjutant.
  
- Annual IRS990N efile due between July 1 and December 15 each year IF your Det’s fiscal year is July-June. If you are in doubt when your fiscal year ends, check with your Department Adjutant-Paymaster. If you fail to file, you can lose your Tax-Exempt status.
  
- Paid Life Member Audit (PLM) will be sent to you after July 1 each year by your Department Adjutant-Paymaster. You need to note any changes or corrections on it, then scan and email it back to the Department Adjutant-Paymaster ASAP. Your Detachment receives interest on the funds held by National, so it’s important that you submit this back to your Department Adjutant-Paymaster as soon as you can.
  
- Annual Dues Renewal Letters should be sent to all your annual members (everyone except PLMs); this should be a joint effort by your Member Retention Team (MRT) consisting of the Jr. Vice Commandant, Paymaster, and possibly your Adjutant and one other member. Letters should start going out in June, with follow up post cards and/or phone calls or in person visits so members do not become delinquent after August 31.
  
- Dues Transmittals are to be submitted to your Department Paymaster when members pay their dues. Do not hold onto dues or wait until you have a full transmittal – send them as you receive them. All annual members’ dues expire August 31 each year.

PDT Committee  
Dept. of WV MCL

Department Commandants,

This is a friendly reminder regarding the by-law session at the National Convention. Attached is a copy of the letter previously sent. It is your job to make sure all your Detachments have copies and have read and discussed them and let you know how to vote on each one. The letter explains exactly how the session will be run. If any member stands and complains they have not read or discussed them they will be referred to their Department Commandant.

Dennis Tobin

National Commandant  
Marine Corps League

Dear Members,

I wanted to pass on to you some changes coming our way concerning the way we present the Bylaw and Administrative procedure amendments at the National Convention. As you are aware, a great deal of time and energy is focused on this portion of the convention. It's time we have some accountability from our members to come prepared and do your homework prior to coming to the convention.

All amendments are posted on our National website library, [www.mcleaguelibrary.com/convention](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.com/convention), for your convenience to review and make your decision on how to vote on the proposed changes no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. All regular members of the MCL on the convention floor will vote as individuals to approve or disapprove each amendment.

In the past we spend most of our time reading the current BL/AP, then the proposed change and then the rational. This will NOT happen going forward. Here are the steps we are taking and how we will work through the changes.

Each BL/AP will be in sequential order just as they are in the library on the National website. We will start by the number of the amendment. Then the Bylaws committee will address that particular change and the committee chairman will make a motion to accept or reject the proposed bylaw change a second and a discussion will follow. Once discussions are finished, a call for the vote will be asked. If the vote is to accept the recommendation of the committee, we move to the next sequential amendment.

We have 48 amendments this year and three scheduled hours to complete the voting process. My hope is to get off the floor and have time to spare.

Dennis Tobin

National Commandant/CEO

Marine Corps League



Now Hear This Golfers

Golfers in the area of Ocean City, Maryland on 10 June 2021 please consider the *15th Annual Frank Conlon Memorial Golf Tournament* at the Ocean City Golf Club in Berlin, MD.

*15th Annual Frank Conlon Memorial Golf Tournament*

The First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League is announcing their 15<sup>th</sup> annual Frank Conlon Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean City Golf Club. Men, Ladies, and teams are invited to participate and compete. Cost per player is \$105.00 that includes greens fees, range balls, beverages, a continental breakfast, and Lunch at the afternoon awards ceremony. The format is a Captains Choice with prizes for three flights, Iwo Jima, Eagle Globe and Anchor and Semper Fi. Prizes include a winner of a Hole in-one car provided by i.g. Burton of Berlin, Closest to the Pin on three par 3 holes, straightest drive, and a putting green contest.

Funds raised will benefit the "Semper Fi & America's Fund" that provides immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. Interested golfers can register by texting 410-430-7181 or by visiting our web site at [www.firststatemarines.org](http://www.firststatemarines.org) or by sending an email to [websergeant@firststatemarines.org](mailto:websergeant@firststatemarines.org).

**Semper Fidelis/Frater Infinitas,**

**Frank Mathers, Adjutant**

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## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MUD RUN

**Saturday, June 5, 2021. Gates open at 6:30am. Check-in starts 90 minutes before each race time. Individual runs start at 8:00am. Pollywog run starts at 10:00am. Or sooner. Jomeokee Park and Campground 1140 Paces Place Pinnacle, NC 27043**

Hooray, Hooray and more Hooray... WXII-12 has done it again and updated the promotional video for this year's Marine Corps League Mud Run. Play it and **PASS IT ON to everyone you know? And pass along our Mud Run site so they can easily register to participate....**  
<http://usmcmudrunnc.com/event-information/register/>

Let's do all we can, working together, to make this year. the best Mud Run we have ever hosted. Our Charities are depending on us... More information to follow, so stand by your email.

Semper Fi,

Lewis Pleasants/Commandant  
Detachment 1075

## PENDING MCL CALENDAR

**2021 MCL National Convention** will be August 6-14, 2021 at Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 E Adams St, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Room rate is \$129.95 with tax included. Free breakfast, free parking and WiFi. Pet friendly. wyndhamhotels.com Phone. 217-789-1530 Reservations open August 17, 2020. Overflow hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton, 701 E. Adams St, Springfield, IL Phone: (217) 544-8800 Website: doubletree1.hilton.com . Contract rate for MCL starts Aug 31, 2020.

**2021 Modern Day Marine Expo** will be Sept 21-23, 2021 at MCB, Quantico, VA

**2021 Marine South Expo** will be Sept 29-30 at MCB, Camp Lejeune, NC **Canceled**

**2022 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference** February 23– 27 2022 Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, 777 Waterside Drive Norfolk, VA <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/orfsi-sheraton-norfolk-waterside-hotel/> Group Code: MCL Phone: (757-622-6664) Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy; \$129.00 per night + prevailing tax (currently 14%) Please make your room reservation directly to the hotel.

**2022 MCL National Convention** will be August 15-20, 2022 at Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, 100 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL, 32118 Phone: 866-536-8477 or 1-800-HILTONS (toll free, 24-hour reservation center); 386-254-8200. Room rate: \$127.00 plus 12.5%.