



# MIDEAST DIVISION BULLETIN

Marine Corps League

May 2018

## National Vice Commandant

Members of the Mideast Division,

Spring is finally here; at least in most of the Division! There are still a few places where Old Man Winter refuses to leave, but eventually the weather will get warmer and the grass will get greener in those area soon enough!

I recently returned from Marine South, it was an OUTSTANDING event! Well attended and many vendors showing off their new equipment available for the Marine Corps to review. It was good to see many of the Leaguers there, outside our Division, that are always there to lend a helping hand in stuffing bags and handing them out. Marine Jack Jackson, of the Onslow County Detachment #262 (DoNC), helped to make it a great success by providing donuts and coffee each morning and pizza and chicken for lunch each day of the event. This was appreciated by all of the volunteers and we thank Jack, and his restaurant sponsors, for providing all of the free food! You may have heard, or even seen, some pictures of your National Senior Vice Commandant, Dennis Tobin, and myself running an obstacle course called "The Battle Challenge"! For two "Salty Marines" we both did a great job in completing the course!

May is just around the corner and I look forward to attending four Department Conventions in the first three weekends; West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. North Carolina will hold theirs the last weekend in June. I appreciate every Department for staggering their Conventions to allow me the opportunity to attend them all!

As we all also know, our Division Conference is being held 15-17 June, hosted by the Department of Maryland. I look forward to a well attended Conference. Your Division Adjutant, Frank Mathers, has been doing an excellent job of keeping the Division up to date on this event. This is more than a League Conference; it is also a family reunion! Don't delay in registering for it so that we all have an opportunity to share some great information but to also enjoy the company and conversation of fellow League Members!

I can't say enough how proud I am to serve all of you in the Mideast Division! It's what all of YOU do that make our Division a benchmark for others to emulate! Every Mideast Officer has an open door policy, so contact any of us with any assistance you need. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Semper Fidelis,  
Bruce R. Rakfeldt  
National Vice Commandant  
Mideast Division  
Marine Corps League





## ATTENTION ON DECK!

There has been a wonderful increase in membership numbers! Since the December 2017 roster, the Division has increased our paid membership by 361 members!!

Keep in mind that annual dues will have to be sent to National NO LATER THAN 31 August, don't delay in doing this!! If members pay you now, they will be good until 2019 so the sooner you get it in, the better for everyone involved!!

Also, keep in mind that you need to remind your members to do this as National no longer sends out reminders.

Department	PLM	Paid	Unpaid	Total Paid	Change Since Dec + / -
District of Columbia	15	8	18	23	27
Delaware	201	63	60	264	0
Maryland	732	362	159	1094	53
North Carolina	1257	1010	397	2267	198
London	14	0	0	14	0
Virginia	880	326	329	1206	86
West Virginia	422	235	137	657	65
<b>Division Total</b>	<b>3521</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>5525</b>	<b>361</b>

**ALL NATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING**

**DUES RENEWALS MUST BE SENT TO:**

**3619 Jefferson Davis Highway**

**Suite 115**

**Stafford, VA 22554**



## MidEast Division Officers

Roster: Updated 1 May 2018

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<b>London UK Detachment 1088</b>		
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## **Mideast Division Chaplain**

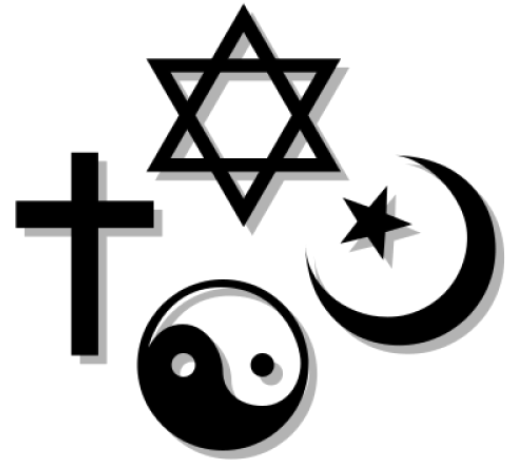
All Department and Detachment Chaplains:

I will need a report of all deceased members from the 2017 MidEast Division conference to 1 June 2018 so I can prepare my report for the DVC and membership. Please get this information to me ASAP so I have time to get it all together. If need be, send me the decedents you have now, and just update me if there are more. Hopefully there won't be!!

Email [justlee.taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:justlee.taylor@yahoo.com) or call me at 540-588-4134

Thank you

Lee Taylor



## **Mideast Division Adjutant**

Please keep me updated on the current email addresses of all Department Commandants and Adjutants. Please send any email updates to [mclmideastadjutant@gmail.com](mailto:mclmideastadjutant@gmail.com). This information is needed in order to send out timely Division news and information to keep everyone up to date on what is going on within the MCL.

Also, keep National update to date on current and accurate email addresses for the Department and Detachment leadership when submitting the MCL Officers Installation Reports.

Departments need to have a listing for every Commandant and Adjutant/Paymaster in their Detachments. This way anything that National or Division sends out to the Department Commandant is forwarded down to every Detachment. We need to do a better job of disseminating information to all members.

I request that all Officers check their email messages more often. This will help the Division especially if we receive a request from National with a short turn around.

If you are a current Department Commandant or Department Adjutant and you are not presently receiving emails from me please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you at the Mideast Conference on 15-17 June 2018. <http://www.mclmideast.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-Registration-Convention-Packet-Fillable.pdf>

Semper Fidelis,

Frank Mathers, Adjutant

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## UPDATE!!

The MidEast Division website now allows you to order the commemorative MidEast Division Patch online using our secure store! Visit [www.mclmideast.com](http://www.mclmideast.com) and go to "Pass The Word". The link takes you to our secure store which we use via Square.

### **Mideast Division Patch Fundraiser**

**The Mideast Division is proud to present this 2018 fundraising project to every member of our Division! This patch can be proudly worn on your Devil Dog vest, Marine Corps sateen or MCLA jacket or on any other attire you have to show off your League pride!**

**The patch is 5" high X 4" wide with incredible detail and color!  
The price per patch is \$8!**

**Orders can be placed with the Mideast Division Paymaster, Fred Wise via phone, (410) 430-0648, or by email at [ocwise1@comcast.net](mailto:ocwise1@comcast.net).**

**Shipping charges will be calculated and added based on the quantity ordered. Sorry, no COD shipments. All orders must be prepaid.**

**Thank you for supporting the Mideast Division!**







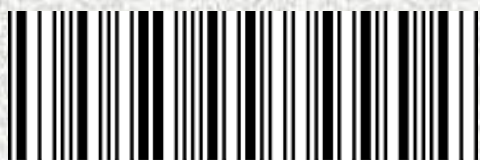
**MCL WORLD**

**NEWS**

*Marine cured of leprosy by  
drinking more water and  
taking aspirin!*

## **DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT GOES ON RAMPAGE!!**

- \* People won't send  
in their registrations  
for the MidEast  
Conference!!**
- \* I can't get bulletin  
submissions!!!**
- \* Aliens stole my  
baby!!**
- \* All the shocking  
details inside!!**



12345678

*Scientific study proves that people live longer when  
they just submit items on time!*



## **Mideast Division Web Sergeant**

**MidEast Division Website:** The MidEast Division website now allows you to order the commemorative MidEast Division Patch as well as pay for your Division Conference and banquet fees online using our secure store! Visit [www.mclmideast.com](http://www.mclmideast.com) and go to Pass The Word. The link takes you to our secure store which we use via Square. No credit card information is stored on by us or by this site. If you would like to go directly to our store, use this link for the MidEast Division Store.

**A Word about Social Media:** There has been much talk in the news lately about Facebook and its alleged misuse of member information. It is important to note that whenever you use a social media service, and you sign up for an account and give them your information, you agree to their Terms of Use when you create your account. Many of us just click past those long documents full of legalese, but in them you are agreeing that they can use your information. Remember, the service may be "free" to use, but for these social media sites, YOU are the product. Your information has significant value to them because they make money by selling your likes, dislikes, activity, and the information from your profile. Your information is like gold to advertisers because they can target marketing dollars to show ads only to those most likely to buy their products. So, in exchange for your free use of social media, you agree that they can use the data that you have given to them. Three things about this that we need you to know: first, if you use social media services like Facebook or Twitter, by creating your account and signing up you have agreed to let them use your information for marketing purposes; second, the Marine Corps League MidEast Division never collects, shares or sells information about you, and in fact, does not collect any information about you via our online presence; third, you have the power to restrict what social media sites can collect and share by using the profile settings provided in those services. If you are concerned about what is collected or shared by a social media platform, just login to it like you normally do and go to your profile or security settings. Here you can view and change what they can collect and what they can share.

Online Security Tip: If you shop online often or use social media services, it is a good practice to use a different email address than you use for anything else. For example, many banks with online banking and mobile apps will use your email address as one key method to verify your identity. If you use that same email address with Facebook, Twitter, or other online stores, and if one of those sites gets breached and the criminals obtain your email address, there is a higher risk that they could login to your bank account too if the email addresses are the same. So, in short, if you bank online or use social media, use a different email address for your online banking accounts than you use for your other shopping or social media accounts.

As always, I welcome your feedback and suggestions!

Semper Fi,

Robin Kennedy, CISA, CRISC

Web Sgt/Social Media

MCL MidEast Division



## **STARS of HONOR Quilt**

Jarrettsville VFW 8672 Auxiliary

Drawing - July 4, 2018

Proceeds to support Gold Star Family Memorial Havre de Grace, VFW National Children's Home, Local Veterans & Piecemakers

1 for \$3  
2 for \$5  
5 for \$10  
10 for \$15

Quilt **Handmade** by PIECEMAKERS of Harford County who provide quilts to those in need at NO COST,

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CPL PETE ARNOLD DETACHMENT 1198

[www.harfordcountymarines.org](http://www.harfordcountymarines.org)

Or email:

Paymaster Christine Miller-Lane

[Paymaster@HarfordCountyMarines.org](mailto:Paymaster@HarfordCountyMarines.org)







## **Gold Star Family Memorial Monument to be placed in Havre de Grace, MD**

The Project Committee for the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument (GSFMM) located in Havre de Grace, Maryland is excited to announce they received official approval from the Mayor and City Council on October 3, 2016 to establish a GSFMM in a city park on the water front of the Chesapeake Bay. On Sept 11, 2017 we broke ground at the Concord Point Lighthouse Park. Fundraising is currently underway. Major contributors will receive recognition near the Monument.

Dedication to take place June 17th, 2018. MOH Hershel Woody Williams to attend.

Commemorative Coins are available. Help us reach our goal. Donate today and Honor our Fallen Heroes.

### **HdG Project Committee Co-Chairman**

Craig Reeling

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Marine Corps League, Past State Commandant - Department of MD  
American Legion Post 47 Life Member & VFW Post 8672 Life Member  
443-477-0670

Johnny Boker

U.S. Army Retired

Former Chairman, Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs  
American Legion Post 47 Member & Post Officer  
410-652-6258

Email: [GoldStar@MarylandMarines.org](mailto:GoldStar@MarylandMarines.org)

Local website for information: [www.MarylandMarine.org](http://www.MarylandMarine.org)





## **DIVISION MARINE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

Section 300 (h) of the National Administrative Procedures outlines the criteria for selection of the National Marine of the Year. Using these provisions the following Mideast Division MOY recipients are the committee to select a 2018 Mideast Division Marine of the Year.

Chairman	Roger Ware	West Virginia
Committee Member	Bud Raines	Maryland
Committee Member	Richard Tanner	Delaware
Committee Member	Mike McLain	West Virginia
Committee Member	Jeff Jones	North Carolina

- \* The guidelines in Section 300 (h) (2) of the above reference must be followed for each nomination
- \* Please insert "Division" in lieu of "National", as appropriate.
- \* Any regular member from the Mideast Division can be nominated
- \* Each letter of nomination must be mailed to the above chairman (Roger Ware), registered return receipt, post marked not later than **May 15, 2018**.
- \* **Mail to:**  
    **Roger Ware**  
    **181 Weese St**  
    **Elkins, WV 26241.** Telephone: 304-636-4365.
- \* The Marine of the Year Committee will announce the 2018 recipient during the Mideast Division Conference - June 26, 2018 in Ellicott City, MD.
- \* The above provisions are for 2018 Marine of the Year selection only
- \* Criteria is listed on the next page



## DIVISION MARINE OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

This award shall be presented to a **REGULAR MEMBER** of the Marine Corps League who has rendered service(s) and/or performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League, or a meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League; or has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety

- \* Letters of nomination must originate only at the DETACHMENT LEVEL. No individual nor any subsidiary unit of the Marine Corps League shall submit a letter of nomination.
- \* All letters of nomination shall include a letter signed by the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant, stating that the nominee for Division MOY was approved at a regular meeting of the detachment by a majority vote. (In the event a nominee is the Commandant, the letter of nomination shall be signed by the Senior Vice Commandant and the Adjutant. In the event a nominee is the Detachment Adjutant, the letter of nomination shall be signed by the Detachment Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant).
- \* Each nomination submitted shall be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to "Chairman, Division Marine of the Year Society". THIS ENVELOPE SHALL THEN BE PLACED IN ANOTHER ENVELOPE and mailed, certified/return receipt requested. (Chairman's name and address on the preceding page of this bulletin.)
- \* The member must be a member in good standing and have served at least in either an elected or appointed position within his/her detachment and/or department.
- \* List how many years he/she has been a member.
- \* List his/her positions and what was the significance of each, if any.
- \* List if he/she a current or former Detachment or Department Marine of the Year.
- \* The recommendation should summarize what the member has done in his/her detachment, and/or department. It should be brief and only impact areas where the performance brought credit upon his/her detachment and not merely list that he/she performed the duties expected of his/her position and/or attended meetings.
- \* What were the results of any activities he/she participated in that were above the normal expected duties of his/her position.
- \* List those activities where he/she was the chairman or committee lead. (Example: *Marine X has been Toys for Tots for 15 years and has toys collected a gazillion toys that benefited ten thousand children.*)
- \* What civic projects or volunteer did he/she do to enhance the league. (If he/she did not participate as a league member in an event or activity, do not list it.)
- \* What did he/she do as a volunteer outside of his/her detachment for the league.
- \* Was he/she recognized within his community for a project.
- \* The nomination should be a snapshot of the member's achievements and not just listing his/her MCL awards.
- \* Did he/she attend department quarterly meetings or convention, Mideast Division Conference, National Mid-Winter Staff Conference, National Convention
- \* The Division MOY Committee has developed a point system to aid them in their selection process.
  - \* Consideration can be giving a point for each event, and a point giving for participation outside his/her detachment for either serving on department, division or national level and on any committees.



## **Conferences and Conventions**

### **2018 Mideast Division Conference**

June 15-17, 2018

Turf Valley Resort

2700 Turf Valley Road

Ellicott City, MD 21042

Group code: 2844UW Phone: (410) 465-1500

Room rates \$109 plus tax. Reservations must be made by 16 May 2018

Conference registration opening 1 January 2018

### **2018 Marine Corps League National Convention**

12 - 18 August 2018

Hyatt Hotel, Buffalo Convention Center.

Brought to you by, The Marine Corps League Department of New York

and the Marine Corps League Department of New York Auxiliary and Devil Dogs!

With a lot of help from Visit Buffalo, the Hyatt Hotel, the Buffalo Convention Center

and the people of Buffalo, NY. For additional information please refer to

<http://2018mclnationalconvention.com/>

**Be sure to register and book your rooms early! Hope to see you at all the Conferences and the National Convention!**



## **Department Conventions**

### **West Virginia**

May 4–6, 2018

Quality Inn Gallipolis

577 State Route 7 North

Gallipolis, OH 45769

Phone: 740-446-0090

Hosted by MGM Detachment 1180

### **Delaware**

May 11–12, 2018

Information TBA

### **Maryland**

May 11–12, 2018

Princess Royale

9100 Coastal Highway

Ocean City, MD 21842

Phone: 410-524-7777

Convention Chairman: Don Benson [msgte8don@yahoo.com](mailto:msgte8don@yahoo.com)

Registration and full information can be found at:

[http://www.deptofmdmcl.org/Conventions/2018\\_Convention\\_Packet-Full.pdf](http://www.deptofmdmcl.org/Conventions/2018_Convention_Packet-Full.pdf)

### **Virginia**

May 18–20, 2018

Information TBA

### **North Carolina**

June 30, 2018

Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center

420 High St SW

Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Phone: 336-777-3000





## Editor's Corner

Hello, all!

At the time of composition, winter is still holding a tenuous grasp up north. I'm hoping by the time of distribution that we'll finally have consistently warm temperatures, as this is getting to be frustrating and depressing!! Go home, winter, you're drunk!!

The MidEast Division Conference is quickly approaching. If you haven't sent in your registration yet, please do so ASAP!! All pertinent forms can be found on the MidEast Division's website, as well as a method to pay online. If you're from Maryland, you know how I operate when it come to deadlines. I am most unforgiving to those who want to come along after the fact and ask to be registered. It will be done, but I will not be happy about doing it!! All of the conference information has been available for months and getting things in late makes more work for me and those who are kind enough to help me. Please be considerate and send your registration in by the 1 June deadline, but EARLIER IS BETTER!!

Also, please be aware the nominations for the MidEast Division Marine of the Year are due by 15 May!! This only gives you a few days upon receiving this bulletin to get your Detachments to approve, write up, and mail in a nomination. We have approximately 115 Detachments and 3,500 members in the MidEast Division. How only 3 or 4 people are deemed worthy enough by the Detachments to receive a nomination is just plain sad!! It isn't that difficult to write up a nomination and if you have issues trying to get started, there is a guide on the MidEast Division's website.

In personal news, I'm still plugging away at my classes with the American Military University. It can be stressful at times juggling school, work, and League items. I recently took a few well needed days off to visit friends in Minneapolis and sometimes wish I had stayed there. LOL

I hope everyone is doing well. I look forward to seeing you all at the conference!

Semper fi,  
Evie Remines  
Editor  
Mideast Division Bulletin  
Commandant  
Department of Maryland



*Me and my BFF, George,  
being goofy in Minneapolis.*