



Mideast Division Bulletin July 2017

This Mideast Division Bulletin is to provide communication on administrative policy and pending events within the division. These are areas that I want the Departments and Detachments to focus on to ensure the Mideast Division complies with directives from MCL National HQ. Disseminate this information to all detachments. Departments are requested to submit any information on scheduled events within their area to the Division Adjutant, Roger Ware at rrware@yahoo.com and Division Web Sgt, Robin Kennedy at mclmideast@gmail.com. The Division web site is: www.mclmideast.com. The Chain of Command is: Individual - Detachment - Department - Division - National.

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Mideast Division Membership

Here are the total paid membership of the Mideast Division as of 6/30/17. NVC McLain asks each department to scan over their rosters and contact all unpaid and see if we can reduce the unpaid.

<u>6/30/17</u>	<u>3/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>9/30/16</u>	<u>6/30/16</u>	<u>3/31/16</u>	<u>12/31/15</u>	<u>9/30/15</u>	<u>6/30/15</u>
5748	5734	6085	6227	6183	6220	6078	5996	6188

Here are the totals for the Division as of 6/30/17

PLM: 3498 Paid: 2250 Total Paid: 5748 Unpaid: 1231

Here are the changes since the 3/31/17 membership roster:

PLM + 9 Paid: + 5 Total Paid: + 14 Unpaid: - 114

The Mideast Division Membership on: 6/30/17 - **5748** 3/31/16 - **6220** 6/30/16 -**6183** 9/30/16 -**6227** This is a decrease of 435 since **6/30/16**.

National Membership has sent the 3rd quarter detachment membership rosters to the NVC's who sent it to all the Departments.. This listed the members in each detachment including Paid Life Members (PLM), Paid (those paying annual dues) and Total Paid (includes PLM and dues paying) and all Unpaid. Only the Detachment Paymaster receives the detachment copy while the Department Commandant and Department Paymaster receive a copy of every detachment membership. Detachment Paymasters need to share this information with their Commandant and Jr Vice Commandant as well as those members of their Detachment Membership Retention Team (MRT). Every unpaid member listed must be contacted either via telephone call or letter and encouraged to continue paying their dues. The Commandant should ensure that every member of their detachment is contacted at least every 3 months. Communication is extremely important as it ensures your members are informed of your detachment activities and events so they can attend meetings and assist with some of your events. Due to the transition of All dues expiring on August 31 yearly, it is extremely important that each detachment track their unpaid members. Each Detachment to be proactive and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that all unpaid members are informed of this change over. Departments must maintain contact with all your detachments during this transition to all dues expiring August 31 yearly. The membership cards will have Sep 1. National is not going to send out any more dues renewal notices so you will need to follow up with your membership and track all your unpaid. Every Department Commandant received an email that

included: National Convention Registration Form, National Convention Agenda and copies of their Department roster that listed every detachment. Departments are to distribute copies to their respective detachments. If a detachment is interested in a list of Delinquent members (past 2 years) that do not show on the roster, they can send an email to National HQ and request one.

NVC Mike McLain Comments

Members of the Mideast Division:

I will be stepping down as the NVC in Overland Park, Kansas. Bruce Rakfeldt will be the NVC and Roger Ware will serve as the ANVC. Both will represent the division extremely well and they are very capable of meeting the challenges ahead as the League goes through changes in the leadership and administration of the national staff.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Division National Vice Commandant for the past 4 years and as the Assistant NVC for 2 years prior. I have always enjoyed traveling to all the departments and seeing the League members in action. The Division has some outstanding leaders and their vision for the future can only help the League grow and prosper. I have met many of you and I look forward to seeing you again. The division staff has truly been outstanding and I salute each and every one of you for your time, energy and enthusiasm. Your support and dedication has always been contagious and welcomed. I thank everyone for the confidence you gave me as I served as your NVC. Let's continue making our League fun for everyone. God Bless each of you.

Semper Fidelis,

Big Mike

Mideast Division Conference Summary

The Mideast Division Conference was held June 23-25, 2017 at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park, Durham, NC and was hosted by the Department of North Carolina. 73 members were in attendance. Dept of North Carolina Commandant Jeffrey Jones opened the conference and turned over to NVC Mike McLain. who conducted the conference as per the ritual. The following MCL National officers were in attendance:

Johnny Baker - National Judge Advocate

Mike McLain - NVC Mideast Division

Bruce Rakfeldt - ANVC Mideast Division

Gerard Devlin - National Parliamentarian

Jeffery Jones - National Asst Sgt-at-Arms

Charlie Minton - National Boy Scouts Committee member

Jack Severn - National Uniform Committee, National Color Guard Sergeant,
Editor National Convention Book, Mid-winter Conference Book.

Anthony "Tony" Begenwald - Wounded Marines Program of the MCL -

Coordinator/Director - East Coast

Ray Dailey - NVC Central Division

MCLA Mideast Division Vice President - Judy Horsenky was in attendance and introduced members of the MCLA.

A static rotation for hosting the Mideast Division Conference is listed below as this would help all the departments in advance planning for their respective year.

1. Virginia – 2020
2. Delaware – 2021
3. North Carolina – 2022
4. Maryland – 2018
5. West Virginia - 2019

Division MOY Chairman Roger Ware discussed the Board members included himself, Bud Raines, Tony Begenwald, Richard Tanner and Mike McLain used a point system to select the recipient. All nominations submitted must be in accordance with the National MOY guidelines insuring that all nominations are sealed in an inner envelope addressed to the Chairman. A second outer envelope must be addressed to the Chairman at the address listed in the announcement, and that it must be sent Certified, Return Receipt. All nominations must have a statement that the detachment members approved their nominee at a regular meeting. The criteria for the nomination had been specified with the announcements in several bulletins or monthly emails since January.

Division Elections: Bruce Rakfeldt was elected as the NVC and Roger Ware was elected as the ANVC. Both were unopposed for their positions. Charles Minton cast one unanimous vote for Bruce Rakfeldt for NVC and one unanimous vote for Roger Ware for ANVC. Slate confirmed and both will be formally elected and installed at the National Convention.

MCL certificates were presented to Capital City Young Marines, Raleigh, NC and YM member - Hannah Miller for singing the National Anthem, Department & Division Staff, Tar Heel Detachment # 733 and Committee Members and Double Tree by Hilton Raleigh-Durham Airport Hotel, Durham, NC. Mideast Conference flag streamers presented to all detachments represented

Professional Development Training- Division Adjutant and Bruce Rakfeldt gave a 90 minute DVD presentation on a Detachment Guidebook developed by the Dept of WV.

The 2017 Mideast Division Marine of the Year: Jeffrey Jones - Department of North Carolina. The banquet speaker was MajGen Michael Regner, USMC (Ret)

Division Financial

The Mideast Division presently has a balance of \$830.65. Division Fund Raising Chairman Jim Brady generated \$120.00 from car magnet sales and turned in to Paymaster Wise. The total was \$362.26 made from magnet sales conducted by Jim Brady.

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Pending Calendar

2017 MCL National Convention will be August 13 - 18, 2017 at the Sheraton Overland Park at the Convention Center, 6100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS, 66211. Book By Phone: 1-866-837-4214 Room rate: \$115.00 with 18% tax, free parking, free breakfast and free wifi. The 2017 National Convention website is: www.2017mclnationalconvention.com. You can check there for information and activities available for the convention.

2017 Modern Day Marine Expo will be Sep 19 - 21, 2017 at MCB, Quantico, VA.

2018 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be March 1-3, 2018 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conf Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. group code: MCLMDWINTER18 Phone: (540) 786-8321 Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy. TBA per night + prevailing tax (currently 11.3%) Please make your room reservation direct to the hotel no later than TBA at 540-786-8321.

2018 Department of West Virginia Convention will be May 4-6, 2018 at The Quality Inn Gallipolis, 577 State Route 7 North, Gallipolis, OH 45769. Phone: (740) 446-0090. MGM Detachment 1180 will be the host detachment. Rooms rate : \$85.00 plus tax Banquet includes choice of: Prime Rib \$25, Chicken \$20. Dinners include salad, 2 vegetables, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Amenities: Group Rate includes free WiFi, free parking, free cable, free in-room coffee, free breakfast for two guests per room (each additional guest in a room pays \$6) Breakfast is 6 a.m. – 10 a.m.

2018 Mideast Division Conference will be June 22 - 23, 2018 hosted by Department of Maryland.

2018 MCL National Convention will be August 2018 at the Buffalo Hyatt, Two Fountains Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202. Phone: (716) 856-1234. Reservations open 0801 20 August 2017. Buffalo.hyatt.com . Room price \$113 for one and \$130 for 2 people plus room tax.. Free parking, free breakfast and free wifi.

Semper Fidelis,

Mike McLain
NVC
Mideast Division