Commandant's Message

Here hoping this finds all you Marines and your families in good health and spirits. I have sent an e-mail request out to MCL Department Board Members to vote on the appointment of Jimmy L. Kay as the new Department Judge Advocate until The Department Convention in June 2022 when nominations and election of New Officers will take place. I also asked them to vote on Tyrone Sanders as the Jr. Vice Commandant. This request was made because we did not have a quorum at the winter conference. The vote was not necessary for the Jr. Vice position because he was voted on at the Fall Department conference was excepted by the body.

The new Judge Advocate contact information is:

4576 Yankee Road
Middletown, Ohio 45044
Ph# 409-920-9104
e-mail (jimmy@twowheelthundertv.com).

The MCL Central Division meeting is being held and hosted by Springfield Detachment 963 on March 17-19 at the Courtyard Marriott, 100 South Fountain Ave. The MCL Department Spring Conference will be held March 20, 2022, which is at the same location and will start at 9am. This decision was made to help cut the expenses of the Department Spring Conference.

The new Buckeye Editor is Megan Smith, and her e-mail is (mydadsmarine22@gmail.com).
Sr. Vice Commandant's Message

I hope this edition of the "Buckeye Marine" finds everyone doing well. I will start with thanking our new Chief Editor Megan Smith for donating her time and skills by taking over the responsibilities as Web Master/Editor-in-Chief for our Department.

Most of the groundwork for the upcoming National Central Division conference that we are hosting in March has been completed. Many thanks to the H Eugene "Doak" Walker Detachment 963 Springfield for all of their hard work in putting this all together. Despite this event and other administrative issues the Department staff have had to deal with, we are still out visiting and assisting detachments. Under Commandant Gary Evans leadership, the Department staff continue to serve the Detachments of Ohio and we are on target to meet the goals we set in the beginning of the year.

Please remember to turn in your new report of officer installations as soon as possible. The ROI's are an invaluable tool that enables us to better help you all at the Detachment level. If your paymaster is having any trouble with your 990 filing please have them get in touch with me. I look forward to seeing you all in March at the conference. Semper Fidelis.

Roger Smith, Sr. Vice Commandant

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"Moving forward" seems to be the most popular phrase. What else can you do during, or after, a pandemic? "Shelter in place" used to be a phrase used during storms like hurricanes and blizzards, not an instruction that has carried on for almost two years.

So, moving forward, as we hope things will get better, it’s more important now than it has ever been to reach out to your friends and plan get togethers. Say, perhaps, at the next meeting of your Detachment. If you can’t do that then at least catch up with things on a regular phone call, say at least once every two weeks. After all, the Marine Corps League is about common interest such as the Marine Corps. We all need to reconnect in a real and personal way. We need to hear a friend’s voice, or better yet, look into their face and see what an email or a newsletter won’t tell us. We need to revive relationships that will revive our soul and our spirit. As that old Marine Sergeant said more than two centuries ago, “Just do it.”

Onto the business side. The Marine Corps League National website has all kinds of new forms and instructional videos for Detachment Commandants and Paymasters. The new forms, of course, require additional information. I could mention all of them but there is limited space, so better to check them out personally. Oh, yeah, a requirement for using the new online services available is that your Report of Installation must be current with National. So, if you haven’t filed one in a year, or five, you need to do that. There are also some reports you no longer have to mail, you can email them to Department and National to save postage, trees, hunting for forms lost in the nether space of memory files and the internet, and for people like myself who sometimes, or constantly, wonder if I did or didn’t do that; you can check your sent box for proof.

Since normal has become such a highly debatable phrase, then let me offer this: At the next scheduled gathering of Marines, be it Detachment, Department, or this year in Ohio, Central Division, I hope to see, or perhaps even meet you, for the sake of moving forward and reviving self and spirit. Semper Fi

Thom Seymour, Adjutant/ Paymaster
**Chaplain’s Message**

I am writing this article to the Ohio Leaguers and to the Ohio Dogs. To the Leaguers, I say, if one of your Detachment members, who is also a Devil Dog, dies please have a Pound submit a MODD Notice of Death. In addition to being the Department of Ohio Chaplain, I am also the Ohio Pack Dog Trainer. Deceased members must be accounted for regardless of Organization. The MODD Kennel website has fillable forms and, just as with the Detachments, I only need one legible copy.

To all members of the Department of Ohio, regardless of faith, we promised at the oath of League membership to care for others in need and we are our brothers’ keepers. “If you did it for one of these least ones, you did it for me”. In faith.

Dave Yehl, Chaplain

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**Jr. Past Commandant’s Message**

Would you like to have good comradeship with fellow Marines? Then come to the National Central Division Conference on March 17-20. The Department spring meeting will be shorter than usual on Sunday. Can’t make it for the whole weekend? Show up for the day that fits into your schedule. You won’t regret being part of a wonderful bunch of Marines, even if only for a few hours. Check out the Department website for more details. Every Detachment should be gearing up for the annual installation of officers. Even if the slate of officers remain the same, a new Report of Officer Installation must be sent to the Department Adjutant. Semper Fi.

John Cook, Jr. Past Commandant
Awards, Awards, Awards... One More Time, Awards!

I know that all of you are tired of hearing me yell to all of you “TO AWARDS, TO AWARDS, TO AWARDS, the awards season time is coming”. Not quite what Paul Revere shouted as he made his famous ride to warn the country side that the British were coming”, but I am sure you get the idea.

As many of you know we present a large number of Certificates to many of our members and several business for their support during the past year. We also presented several Good Citizenship Award to several Eagle Scouts during past year.

Detachments start with looking around at the local business that have supported your detachment efforts in the past year. Did they make a monetary donation to your detachment for your fund raiser? Do you have local business that have supported other events you hosted? Do they display the flag in support of the Veteran Community? Look at Walmart, my local Walmart displays not only National Ensign, but the colors of different branches of service, including the Coast Guard. Consider issuing a Certificate for “Proudly Displaying the Flag”. It will remind them that your Detachment took the time and effort to recognize what they do for you and then later they might be a bigger supporter when you need one.

Look at your own detachment membership. Do you have a member who is involved with a Girl Scout, Boy Scout (includes Brownies and Cubs) have them check to see if they have any new/recent Eagle Scout in the troop. If so let us know and we will issue a Certificate and Letter from the Department Commandant. Also look at your general membership for members who might be reaching a Milestone in their membership. The department has many members that have exceeded 25 years of service. Many of whom who have never been acknowledged as well.
Finally, we have three more awards that are presented at the Grand Banquet. That is the Department Marine of the Year, Pack Devil Dog of the Year, and the Purple Bone Award. Look at your membership for members who are active at the Department Level. If you feel that a Marine is active at Department level (coming to a meeting is not active) then look at see if the meet the requirement to be the Department Marine of the Year. The judging form in included to help you prepare a resume for one you feel is worthy. The resume must be in a sealed envelope marked MOY and given to the Commandant at the upcoming spring Department meeting. The same basic judging criteria sheet is used for Pack Devil Dog. Devil Dog of Year should be in a sealed envelope and presented to the Pack Leader.

Award members for outstanding service. Like I always say, a certificate is cheap in cost, but it makes the recipient feel great because someone took the time and effort to reward them for their contribution.

PDC Darrell Logan, Awards Chairman
**Ways and Means Committee's Message**

A report was given at the Winter on the October Department Fundraiser and the financial report was forwarded to The Department Paymaster. There were only 12 Detachments that supported this fundraiser.

Darrell Logan, John Pickrel, and Gary Evans

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**Time and Place Committee's Message**

We need a detachment to step up and host the June Convention. If your detachment is willing to host the convention, please get in touch with the committee ASAP.

Tyrone Sanders, Darrell Logan, and Gary Evans
Secretary/ Treasurer’s Message

Ladies, the Department of Ohio Auxiliary is in dire need of your attendance at the Department Meeting to be held on March 20, 2022 at the Marriott Hotel 100 South Fountain St. Springfield Ohio. Meeting to start at 9:am. We have not been able to have a meeting in quite some time, thus, we cannot conduct any Auxiliary business. Failure to have the proper officers in place and not having meetings as required by National/Department by-laws we may have to dissolve the MCLA Department of Ohio Auxiliary at the June Convention 2022. The Central Division meeting for the MCLA is also being held in Springfield Ohio on March 18-19, 2022 at same location. See the agenda posted in this addition of The Buckeye Marine.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 740-605-9003. We have had a Great Working Auxiliary, let’s not lose it. We are here to support the MCL Department of Ohio Members. They served their country now we need to serve them through the Auxiliary.

PDP Debby Evans, Secretary/Treasurer
Jr. Past President’s Message

Auxiliary,

I am finally able to get around and do a few things. It was a long time in the hospital and rehab since the end of May. In fact, the day before our 25-Wedding Anniversary.

Our unit is still using zoom for our meetings. The first 40 minutes is free, and since we couldn’t do anything all we could talk about was future. We sold tickets for an indoor shooting range that has virtual games on the screen, and you use a laser gun. We didn’t do as well as we hoped, most places would not let us stand in the doorway to sell tickets.

I didn’t attend the fall meeting for many reasons. I did not receive notice of where it was held but did receive the agenda. Not sure I was up to the meeting as I don’t have the date it was held. I know the League had a lot of things to handle this year as they lost their Commandant. We understand how smooth that transition is when it is unexpected. Deborah and I had a lot of sorting duties and paperwork to go through. It took us a while to setup a new checking account and getting the books for the department.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas this year. It was interesting to say the least. In fact, we haven’t finished getting together with family because of COVID.

This is my final letter as I contacted our Central Division Sr Vice and resigned from all positions in the Department of Ohio. My health currently isn’t good enough for the responsibilities of any position currently. I will continue to work with Medina County Unit.

Please contact Deborah Evans with any and all questions about your unit or the department. Thank you, I have enjoyed my work in the past with the Department and working with Central Division when Ohio hosted them. I will keep the Department of Ohio in my prayers and hope you grow and do not fold.

PDP Lynn Harkness, JR. Past President
Department of Ohio Marine of the Year
Judging Criteria Point System
Member Name: ___________________________ Detachment: ______________

Nominations are considered for those members that have distinguished themselves over the period from 1 January to 31 December of the prior year that nominations are accepted. This point procedure is only for a guideline, all factors of the nominee must be considered.

1. Was the nominee a member of the MCL during the last 12 months? No = 0 Yes = 1 ______

2. Does the individual hold an elected office at the Department level? No = 0 Yes = 4 ______

3. Does the individual hold an appointed office or committee chair in the Department? 0 to 4 ______

4. Does the individual serve on a committee or other position in the Department? 0 to 4 ______

5. Is the individual active in attending Department meetings? 0 to 4 ______

6. Is the individual active in attending National meetings? 0 to 4 ______

7. Does this individual participate in Marine Corps League activities? Detachment or Department level. Such as, but not limited to: Marine Corps Birthday celebration 0 to 4 ______
   Youth programs, Young Marines 0 to 4 ______
   Toys for Tots, Christmas projects for children: 0 to 4 ______
   Color Guards, Funeral details 0 to 4 ______
   Memorial Day, parades, etc. 0 to 4 ______
   VAD, volunteer helping veterans 0 to 4 ______

8. Does the individual display other intangibles worthy of a Marine of the Year?
   Attitude: 0 to 5 _____
   Espirit De Corps: 0 to 5 _____
   Community Involvement: 0 to 5 _____

9. Does the member actively participate in the Military Order of Devil Dogs? 0 to 2 ______

TOTAL POINTS: _______
   Possible 62
Marine of the year Nomination

Nominees for the Department of Ohio Marine of the Year shall originate at the Detachment level, and shall be signed by the Detachment Commandant, and/or Awards Committee Chairman.

(1) Nomination shall be in writing and submitted no later than the Spring Quarterly Meeting.

(2) Nomination shall include the name, detachment and reasons for nomination, including, but not limited to. Activity in the league, attendance at meetings, activity in securing new members and activity at state and/or national level.

(3) Nominee may be from a Detachment other than the Detachment that is nominating him/her.

(4) Nomination must be submitted in a sealed envelope with “Marine of the Year Nomination” written on the outside, to the Department Commandant, who in turn will appoint a Marine of the Year Committee, to review the nominees.

(5) The Marine of the Year Committee will present their recommendation to the Convention floor, before elections.

When it is time to submit candidates for the Department of Ohio “Marine of the Year” The candidates should be nominated on the basis of recognition earned in the past year – not for several years past. This does not mean an older member of 20 years or even 50 years cannot be selected. If they have earned the recognition for service to the League this past year, they should be nominated.

In order to provide a common ground upon which the candidates can be evaluated, the following is suggested items to cover for the Marine of the Year nomination.

League activities, meeting attendance, membership, is the candidate active in Department and/or National Activities, active in Detachment affairs, accepts responsibility at activities, active Securing members & reinstatements, holds office, elected or appointed in the League, serves on Committees and/or chairs a committee, mention the League activities the candidate participates in, don’t forget to write about their attitude, Espirit De Corps and their Community involvement.

Thank You, The Ohio Marine of the Year Society
Marine Corps League Central Division Conference
March 17, 18, and 19 2022

Courtyard by Marriott Phone: 1-937-322-3600
100 South Fountain Ave. Springfield, Ohio 45502

Registration/Strip Ticket Reservation Request (Strip Ticket DEADLINE is 15 Feb. 2022)
Pre-Registration only is 15 February 2022 (no charge) Post marked After ($10)

Name: __________________________________________________________
Title (Det./Dept.): ______________________________________________________
Det. Name/#: _________________________________________________________ Dept.:____________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
City: ________________________________________________________________
State & Zip: __________________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________________

No. Amt.
Fri. - Sat., 18th-19th --Hospitality Room Admittance - @ $20.00 ea. _____ $_______
Saturday 19th Banquet and Guest Speaker Springfield Police Chief/Marine Lee Graf

Check your choice: Sage Chicken: @ $40.00 ea. _____ $_______
Filet & Chicken Plate: @ $50.00 ea. _____ $_______
Courtyard Cut Sirloin: @ $50.00 ea. _____ $_______
Courtyard Breakfast Bar: @ $15.00 ea. per day _____ $_______

Make check out to “Det. 963, MCL” Total Enclosed: _____ $_______

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From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight out country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United states Marine

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every slime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes,
You will find us always on the job
United States Marines

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve.
If the Army and the Navy
ever look on Heaven's scenes,
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines