



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Department Meeting
3/9/2024
Minutes

This combined meeting of the Marine Corps League Department of Maryland and Auxiliary convened at 09:00 by, Commandant, Sgt Jack Hetchen Detachment. Opening ceremonies including the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening prayer, and a reading of the Department preamble. **Commandant Joe Fay** then assumed the gavel.

Special Guests were introduced

National Officers, Marines of the Year, Department Marines of the Year, Kennel Officers, and National Auxiliary Officers were recognized. As were Past Department Commandants, Marines of the Year, Associates of the Year, Officers from other department, Kennel Officers, Past Dept. Aux Officers, and Department Auxiliary President Mary Fay.

Special Guests:

Jackie Giblin spoke on benefits available to MCL members.

Marine Matt Brooks (Philadelphia Detachment) and Chad Maolony, Attorneys, spoke on the PACT Act. (Information attached.)

There being no business with the Auxiliary the meeting was recessed for five minutes

Reconvened: 9:30

Roll Call of Officers, , and Committees was dispensed with, with attendance taken as the reports were made.

Roll Call of Detachments

Ann Arundel (1049) present

Antietam (113): Adjutant Don Blair present and reporting, attached.

Baltimore (565): PDC Earl Ruff present and reporting, attached.

CPL Pete Arnold (1198): J/A present and reporting (attached). 11Nov Color Guard at Mission BBQ, 11/8 Colors at

Jason D. Mileo (1147): not present, no report

Free State (544): present, Judge Advocate Devlin present and reporting verbally. Cake cutting 11/10 @ Chapter 7 7:30, Cke @ 8.

Garrett County (1234): Jr. Vice Heilig present and reporting, attached.

L/Cpl Gregory S. Copenhaver (1098): not present, no report.

L/Cpl Robert W. Deane (770): present and reporting, attached.*

Maryland Marines (1371): Present, no report. Processing transfers from Department

Mountainside Marines (1071): not present, no report.

Patuxent River (1305): District 3 Vice Commandant Jabr present and reporting. Attached.

Peacekeepers (1492): excused, report attached.

Shangri-La (118): Marine Leonhart present, no report

Sgt Jack Hettchen (1428): Jr Vice Miller reporting, attached.

Jason D. Mileo (1147): not present, no report

SSgt Walter "Trae" Cohee III (115): Commandant Larry Jackson present on Zoom, attached.

SSgt Karl G. Taylor (1084): Present, Marine Betts reporting, attached.

Minutes and reports from the previous meeting were posted and are available on the Department website.

Motion to Accept: | Beale, passed.

A quorum was present

Correspondence: None

Paymaster's Report: **Paymaster Laurie Blair** excused.

Honors for those who reported to the Supreme Commandant since the last meeting.

Reports of Marines Sick or In Distress:

- Rob Heilig had his knee replaced
- Laurie is home sick and Detachment Adjutant
- Bill Collens, Ann Arundel, has had a massive stroke
- John Didazeo, Peacekeepers, has had a stroke

Officers' Reports

Commandant Fay: present and reporting, attached. Bylaws and admin procedure changed submitted for convention. Will be posted to web site. National Bylaw changed have been posted to the National site. Marines and Detachments please use the chain of command. Officers, elected and appointed, know your responsibilities. MCL Scuttlebutt Zoom. Awards: submit people for awards. (Know the awards.) Upcoming events in report. JVC banquet. 3/23 Byzantium, Annapolis. Attend department meeting.

Senior Vice Commandant Rust: present and reporting, attached. (Not a short report.) Uniform

is the cover. Show up. Convention: need paperwork from people ASAP. Only four signed up to this point. Guest Speaker: Dpty Commandant for Manpower. Need ads. Needs detachment photos. Not doing a book again rather a card drive. Ruffling an AR-10 in .308. Tkts \$20 for Drawing at Mid-east in June. 400 tickets only. If we sell over 300, 2nd and 3rd prize of cash. We signed a 3 year commitment to the Grand Hotel. Max 5% increase per year. Pens: sell 'em if you've got 'em. MCL App.

Omar: can we add MODD Pack forms to the card?

Junior Vice Commandant Heilig: excused.

Judge Advocate Sharkey: present, and reporting. Bylaw changes will be posted and will be voted on at the Convention.

Junior Past Commandant Koontz: present and reporting. Have two to award and two in the pipeline. Chapel of the Four Chaplains Award

Adjutant George: present, no report. Commandant Fay requested interested persons get with him.

Paymaster Blair: Excused.

Sergeant at Arms LaPorta: present and reporting 42 members in attendance.

(Adjutant's note: 3 members- Larry Jackson, Dan Durnell, and Mike Jadoo-- present on Zoom)

Chaplain Stielper: Present and reporting. Many NODs in the current *Semper Fi*. Commadant Fay is updating NODs for detachments in distress. Need to clean up our rosters.

Chief of Staff and Historian Jack Severn: Present, no report.

Public Information Jeff Robinette: present and reporting. Attached. Mountainside has closed down. Hopefully have everything done by Convention.

Photographer Doc. Gunther: present, no report.

Web Sergeant Hadley excused, no report.

Compliance Officer: Rosemary Beale. Detachments need COR-92 as well as 990s. ROI, rifle reports, MD Form 1. Name change: MD Tax Connect. Joe: If you need help, reach out!

Committee Reports

Legislative: Judge Devlin present and reporting. Legislature is at the half-way point. Crossover day is 3/18. Fifty Veterans' bills have been filed. Hit the web site and check status. He believes that MD Revenue deficit of \$1B will preclude passing the updated subtraction modification and other bills that cost. Very few have crossed over.

Marine Roundtree: Surplus to shortage. Taxes.

Devlin: Covid, infrastructure funds have expired.

MCL Foundation: Judge Devlin reporting, Foundation needs money. They have issued a call for each detachment to donate \$100. Info: gerarddevlin@aol.com

Perry Point, Kevin Obrian, excused, no report.

Loch Raven / Toys for Tots: Marine James present and reporting. (Attached) Gold Star Mothers and MCL at Loch Raven patient appreciation. James made afghans. Mrs. Lahat has a church group that will be making afghans for Baltimore detachment to donate.

Charlotte Hall: Marine Greg Astley present and reporting. (Attached)

Young Marines and Marine for Life: Marine Omar Jabr present and reporting for Young Marines. Attached. MFL No report.5-7 April Division 2 field meet at

VAVs, VSO, FT. Mead, Marine Gary Roundtree, present and reporting. **Attached.**

License Plates, Uniforms Committee, Leadership School, Mideast: PDC Craig Reeling, present and reporting. MCL License plates: has applications in hand, \$5 to Department, \$25 to state of MD. Can get new plates. Must mail request to MVA. Leadership college 4/20, Legion #276 Harry L. Turner, Severn MD. Still wants students. Open to Aux and Associates.

Chapel of Four Chaplains: PDC Koontz present and reported as above.

MD Veterans Commission and Eagle Scouts: PDC Blair present and reporting. Both reports attached.

Social Media: Marine Burns present and reporting. Attached. Crist is looking for an assistant to eventually take the position open

Fallen Marine Program and Colorguard Committee: Marine Hammerbacher present and reporting no requests for the former. Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment hosted an event for a local boy who passed accidently and they created him an honorary detachment member.

Pax River Liaison: present, no report.

RSS Baltimore, Indian Head, 4th LAR BN: (vacant).

4th Combat Engineers Liaison: Harry Hierstetter present, no report.

Merlyn Pack <Woof woof> Pack Leader Rust reporting that there will be a growl after the meeting today. </Woof woof>.

Marine of the Year: SR Vice Rust today is the deadline for submissions. Get 'em in.

Convention: SR Vice Rust

Associate of the Year Society: Associate Member Beale present, no report.

Joint Veterans Committee: Commandant Fay reporting that he has tickets for the banquet.

Newsletter: vacant, no report.

MCL Foundation: Judge Devlin, Marine in need. Detachment commandant needs to verify DD-214 and claim.

Stewart MD Veterans' Trust Fund has over \$800,000 available to Vets in financial need. Grants or loans available. Online at MD DVA.

Foundation has asked for \$100 from each detachment.

Detachment Reports

Ann Arundel (1049): present and reporting, attached. Now meeting 3rd Monday AL175, Marines helping heros golf tourney in June.

Antietam (113): Adjutant Don Blair present and reporting, attached.

Baltimore (565): PDC Earl Ruff present and reporting, attached.

CPL Pete Arnold (1198): Junior Vice Crist Burns present and reporting (attached). Death and funeral of Marine Phil Knox.

Jason D. Mileo (1147): not present, no report

Free State (544): Judge Advocate Devlin present and reporting verbally. Meetings changed 10AM 3rd Sat. At Omaha Beach

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SSgt Walter "Trae" Cohee III (115): Commandant Larry Jackson present and reporting upcoming elections. Attached?.

SSgt Karl G. Taylor (1084): Present, **Marine Betts** reporting no report. Not attached. Then reported the loss of Col. Lou Schott. Good turnout at funeral. 8th and I had an entire Company, Drum and Bugle Corps. Asst. Secretary of the Navy.

District Vice Commandants

District 1: Vice Commandant Jackson present, attached. Cohee too.

District 2: Vice Commandant Ruff present and reporting.

District 3: Vice Commandant Jabr present and no report.

District 4: Vice Commandant Gunther present and reporting, attached.

District 5: Vice Commandant Robinette, present, no report.

Special Committees: none

Unfinished Business:

Anniversary Ribbon Committee – Senior Vice Rust, no report.

Joe: Waiting on national.

New Business: None.

Good of the League and Announcements.

Modern Day Marine 4/30-5/2 in DC

Meeting adjourned @12:05

Next meeting is the convention

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald George, Adjutant



Department of Maryland
March 9, 2024
Commandant – Joe Fay



I have attended the following events since our last Department business meeting in November.

Past events:

- Nov. 7th Patuxent River Detachment Meeting
- Nov. 10th Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at VFW Post 2632
- Nov. 14th MCL Scuttlebutt Zoom (Toys for Tots)
- Nov. 15th Joint Veternas Committee of Maryland
- Nov. 19th Pax River Dawgs #344 Growl
- Dec. 2nd Toys for Tots Collection day
- Dec. 3rd George Owing's Celebration of Life
- Dec. 5th Patuxent River Detachment Meeting
- Dec. 11th National Judge Advocate Zoom Meeting
- Dec. 14th Joint Veternas Committee of Maryland
- Dec. 16-17th Toys for Tots Distribution Days
- Jan. 2nd Patuxent River Detachment Meeting
- Jan. 17th Joint Veternas Committee of Maryland
- Jan. 26th Charlotte Hall Veternas Home Pizza & Trivia Night
- Feb. 6th Patuxent River Detachment Meeting
- Feb. 6th Pax River Dawgs #344 Growl
- Feb. 10th Joe Clemente's Celebration of Life
- Mar. 5th Patuxent River Detachment Meeting & Officer Installation

Department Bylaw and Administrative Procedures: It was requested that the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures be reviewed and proposed revisions, amendments and repeals be submitted for review to the Department Board of Trustees. The Administrative Procedures state that all proposed revisions, amendments and repeals be submitted 120 days prior to the the Department Convention at which said proposals are to be considered and posted to the Department website 60 days prior to the Department Convention for membership access.

National Bylaw and Administrative Procedures: The 2023 Bylaw and Administrative Procedure changes are posted to the National Library member site.

Detachments:

- Communicate with your members!!!
- Clean up your rosters. Check emails, addresses and phone numbers.
- Submit death notifications. One to the Chaplain and One to the Paymaster with transmittal.
- Don't forget your IRS 990n and Maryland Form 1's.
- Submit ROI's to the Department Adjutant and Paymaster
- Nominate Members for Department, Mideast, and National awards.
- **Use your chain of command.**
- Have representation at Department functions.

MCL Scuttlebutt: A Zoom meeting is held every month at 1900 with the exception of February (Mid-Winter) and August (National Convention). This is an open Zoom meeting that anyone can attend. There is a lot of good information passed. If you have an idea for a topic feel free to email or message the National Public Relations Committee.

Elected and Appointed Officers: Know the responsibilities for your position. Be familiar with the Detachment, Department, and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. We have a Leadership College coming up April 20th. All are welcome. We need instructors.

Awards: Know what award, when to submit it, and how to submit it. Is the award time specific such as an annual award or lifetime achievement award? What is the deadline for the award. Check your Bylaws and Administrative Procedures for all these questions. If you don't know, ask someone in your chain of command.

***** If you or your Detachment does not like the way something is done in the Department, it will not change unless you attend meetings and seek change. *****

Upcoming Events:

- Mar. 12 @ 1900 – MCL Scuttlebutt – Topic MCL Finances Q&A
- Mar. 20 @ 1830 – Maryland Joint Veterans Committee Meeting
- Mar. 23 @ 1600 – Maryland Joint Veterans Committee Veteran of the Year Banquet at Byzantium Banquet Facility 2747 Riva Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401
- Ar. 9 @ 1900 – MCL Scuttlebutt
- Apr. 20 @ 0800 – Leadership College at American Legion Post 276 8068 Quaterfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144
- May 9-11, 2024 – Department Convention at The Grand Hotel & Spa Ocean City, MD
- May 14 @ 1900 – MCL Scuttlebutt
- June 28-29, 2024 – Mideast Conference at Holiday Inn 301 Foxcroft Ave, Martinsburg, WV 25401
- August 12-16, 2024 National Convention at the Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa, 7133 Dianh Shore Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
- August 2024 – (TBD) Department of Maryland Business Meeting

Joseph P. Fay

Respectfully Submitted,
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Commandant
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*****INVITE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO YOUR EVENTS*****



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

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Date 6 March 2024

To: Commandant Joe Fay & Department Membership

Subject: Senior Vice Commandant Report

Since our last Department meeting, I am getting active with initiating all things needed for a successful Department Meeting in May. Raffle tickets have been handed out to those Detachments who have shown up to our last Department meeting. The banquet is set. The Guest Speaker has accepted his invitation to speak.

I remain active throughout the Department and have attended many Detachment meetings as well as the National Midwinter Conference.

Well, my hope to get two fundraisers fell short. However, the Department will be raffling off an AR-10. Flyers are posted and we plan to draw the winner at the MidEast Summer conference. Tickets will be \$20 each and we are only selling up to 400 tickets. The winner will have the choice of receiving the rifle or taking a cash prize of \$500. However, if we sell over 300 tickets, we will add a 2nd and 3rd cash prize.

2024 Department of Maryland Convention will be held May 9-11, 2024 at the Grand Hotel and Spa, 2100 Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD 21842. Phone: (410) 289-6191. Please mention our event when booking your rooms. Rooms must be reserved by 04/9/2024. Room rates are:

City View Rooms – Thursday - \$80 per night and \$165 per night for Friday and Saturday Nights

Ocean View Guest Rooms – Thursday -\$90 per night and \$175per night for Friday and Saturday Nights

Direct Ocean Front Rooms – Thursday - \$110 per night and \$215 per night for Friday and Saturday Nights

There will be a banquet on Saturday night and we plan to keep the cost at \$60. Expect an update as we get closer to the event date. There will also be a Hospitality room (Suite 827). The schedule for the hospitality room will depend upon the Business Meetings. As with last year, no alcohol or food may be taken out of the Hospitality room. There is also complimentary parking on site in an adjacent garage.

Finally, I will continue to put forth my best effort to ensure that the Department of Maryland stay fiscally sound and, more importantly, a fun place to be!

Semper Fidelis,

Tony Rust
Dept. of MD Sr. Vice Commandant
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Once a Marine, Always a Marine

Department Jr. Vice Rob Heilig

As you can see in this report, our Dept has lost 20 Marines. The unpaid list went down 65. Getting dues in timely is very important with National clearing the roles in a timely manner. The total paid list went up 45. We have to work on getting the dues paid for those members in our Detachments. So be sure to keep everyone involved. Life time membership is probably out of reach for a lot of members now with the increase. So recruit, recruit, recruit.

Things Detachments can do to help bring in and keep new members:

Be active in your community.

Promote your Detachment and the Marine Corps League

Use social media

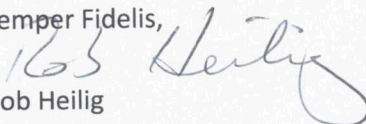
Keep members active in the Detachment

Communicate

Ask-if you don't then who will? It's easy. Also the more you do it the easier it gets.

If you don't you're guaranteed a loss of a new member.

Semper Fidelis,


Rob Heilig

Dept. of MD Jr. Vice Commandant

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

Date: 9 March 2024

To: Commandant Joe Fay & Department Membership

Subject: STRENGTH REPORT

Total membership is 967 with 20 less members since October 2023. Det Commandants and Paymasters can access through the **MCL Library Member Portal** tab. Or contact Anna Blair or myself.

| Detachment | Total Paid Members | Past Due | Total 1-15-2024 | Prev. Total 10-16-2023 | Change +/- |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------|
| Anne Arundel County | 80 | 12 | 92 | 95 | -3 |
| Antietam | 48 | 4 | 52 | 52 | 0 |
| Baltimore | 100 | 5 | 105 | 106 | -1 |
| Carroll County | 15 | 0 | 15 | 17 | -2 |
| Choptank (Closed in 2020) | 6 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Jason D. Mileo | 27 | 0 | 27 | 27 | 0 |
| Free State Marine | 66 | 0 | 66 | 85 | -19 |
| Garrett County | 46 | 0 | 46 | 46 | 0 |
| Cpl Pete Arnold | 94 | 15 | 109 | 106 | +3 |
| LCpl Gregory S. Copenhaver | 9 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| Lcpl Robert W. Deane | 62 | 34 | 96 | 96 | 0 |
| Maryland Marine M-A-L | 25 | 1 | 26 | 28 | -2 |
| Mountainside Marines | 57 | 1 | 58 | 59 | -1 |
| Patuxent River | 61 | 19 | 80 | 77 | +3 |
| Peace Keepers Det. 1492 | 42 | 5 | 47 | 44 | +3 |
| Sgt Jack Hettchen | 32 | 1 | 33 | 33 | 0 |
| Shangri-La | 35 | 2 | 37 | 38 | -1 |
| SSgt Walter Cohee III | 32 | 4 | 36 | 34 | +2 |
| SSgt Karl G. Taylor | 23 | 4 | 27 | 29 | -2 |
| Department Total | 860 | 107 | 967 | 987 | -20 |



Marine Corps League Department of Maryland Paymaster's Report

Financial Report

From November 12, 2023 to February 29, 2024

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Balance Forward Regular Checking | | \$ 3,805.78 |
| Income: See Attached for Details | TOTAL | \$ 1,802.00 |
| Sub Total..... | | \$ 5,607.78 |
| Expenses: See Attached for Details | | \$ 1,757.37 |
| Total (Balance Forward) | | \$ <u>3,850.41</u> |

A Laurie Blair

Paymaster
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League

Once a Marine, Always a Marine
16800 Blake Rd, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Department of MD MCL
Profit & Loss
 November 12, 2023 through February 29, 2024

| | Nov 12, '23 - Feb 29, 24 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income | |
| 2024 Convention Income | |
| 2024 Convention Registration | 0.00 |
| Banquet Income | 360.00 |
| Pen Sales | 50.00 |
| Convention Raffle Tickets | 100.00 |
| | 510.00 |
| Total 2024 Convention Income | 510.00 |
| 2023 Mid Atlantic Conf. Income | |
| Banquet Income | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 |
| Total 2023 Mid Atlantic Conf. Income | 0.00 |
| Membership Dues | 272.00 |
| National Dues Collected | 1,020.00 |
| | 1,802.00 |
| Total Income | 1,802.00 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | |
| Rifle Raffle | 64.08 |
| | 64.08 |
| Total COGS | 64.08 |
| Gross Profit | 1,737.92 |
| Expense | |
| Deposit Fees | 2.75 |
| Detachment Communications | 87.40 |
| Dues and Subscriptions | 339.30 |
| National Dues Paid | 1,030.00 |
| Plaques, Awards & Certificates | 120.00 |
| Travel | |
| Hotels | 113.84 |
| | 113.84 |
| Total Travel | 113.84 |
| Total Expense | 1,693.29 |
| Net Income | 44.63 |

Department of MD MCL Check Detail

November 12, 2023 through February 29, 2024

| Type | Num | Date | Name | Item | Account | Paid Amount | Original Amount |
|-------|-----|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Check | a/w | 11/14/2023 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -105.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -105.00 | 105.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -105.25 | 105.25 |
| Check | a/w | 11/14/2023 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -20.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -20.00 | 20.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -20.25 | 20.25 |
| Check | a/w | 11/15/2023 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -225.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -225.00 | 225.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -225.25 | 225.25 |
| Check | a/w | 11/22/2023 | Constant Contact | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -21.85 |
| | | | | Detachment Communi... | | -21.85 | 21.85 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -21.85 | 21.85 |
| Check | a/w | 12/11/2023 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -20.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -20.00 | 20.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -20.25 | 20.25 |
| Check | a/w | 12/11/2023 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -100.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -100.00 | 100.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -100.25 | 100.25 |
| Check | a/w | 12/12/2023 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -260.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -260.00 | 260.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -260.25 | 260.25 |
| Check | a/w | 12/22/2023 | Constant Contact | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -21.85 |
| | | | | Detachment Communi... | | -21.85 | 21.85 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -21.85 | 21.85 |
| Check | a/w | 01/14/2024 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -25.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -25.00 | 25.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -25.25 | 25.25 |
| Check | a/w | 01/14/2024 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -80.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -80.00 | 80.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -80.25 | 80.25 |

Department of MD MCL
Check Detail
 November 12, 2023 through February 29, 2024

| Type | Num | Date | Name | Item | Account | Paid Amount | Original Amount |
|-------|------|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Check | a/w | 01/14/2024 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -160.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -160.00 | 160.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -160.25 | 160.25 |
| Check | a/w | 01/14/2024 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -25.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -25.00 | 25.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -25.25 | 25.25 |
| Check | a/w | 01/22/2024 | Constant Contact | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -21.85 |
| | | | | Detachment Communi... | | -21.85 | 21.85 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -21.85 | 21.85 |
| Check | a/w | 02/04/2024 | National Headquarters | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -10.25 |
| | | | | National Dues Paid | | -10.00 | 10.00 |
| | | | | Deposit Fees | | -0.25 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -10.25 | 10.25 |
| Check | a/w | 02/13/2024 | Zoom.USA | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -159.90 |
| | | | | Dues and Subscriptions | | -159.90 | 159.90 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -159.90 | 159.90 |
| Check | a/w | 02/22/2024 | Constant Contact | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -21.85 |
| | | | | Detachment Communi... | | -21.85 | 21.85 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -21.85 | 21.85 |
| Check | a/w | 02/29/2024 | Print Place | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -64.08 |
| | | | | Rifle Raffle | | -64.08 | 64.08 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -64.08 | 64.08 |
| Check | 1194 | 11/21/2023 | CPL Pete Arnold Det... | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -120.00 |
| | | | | Plaques, Awards & Ce... | | -120.00 | 120.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -120.00 | 120.00 |
| Check | 1195 | 11/13/2023 | Heritage Shores | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -113.84 |
| | | | | Hotels | | -113.84 | 113.84 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -113.84 | 113.84 |
| Check | 1196 | 12/10/2023 | Michael Hadley | | PNC Checking Acco... | | -179.40 |
| | | | | Dues and Subscriptions | | -179.40 | 179.40 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -179.40 | 179.40 |

**Department of MD MCL
Deposit Detail
November 12, 2023 through February 29, 2024**

| Type | Num | Date | Name | Account | Amount | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Deposit | 11/15/2023 | | Shangri La Detachm... | PNC Checking Acc... | 588.00 | | | |
| | | | SGT Jack Hettchen ... | Membership Dues | -16.00 | | | |
| | | | Patuxent River MCL ... | Convention Raffle T... | -100.00 | | | |
| | | | Patuxent River MCL ... | Membership Dues | -20.00 | | | |
| | | | Patuxent River MCL ... | National Dues Colle... | -105.00 | | | |
| | | | The Antietam Detac... | Pen Sales | -50.00 | | | |
| | | | The Antietam Detac... | Membership Dues | -4.00 | | | |
| | | | The Antietam Detac... | National Dues Colle... | -20.00 | | | |
| | | | Baltimore Detachme... | Membership Dues | -8.00 | | | |
| | | | Peacekeepers | National Dues Colle... | -225.00 | | | |
| | | | Peacekeepers | Membership Dues | -40.00 | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | | | | | -588.00 |
| | | | Deposit | 12/12/2023 | | Shangri La Detachm... | PNC Checking Acc... | 460.00 |
| The Antietam Detac... | Membership Dues | 4.00 | | | | | | |
| The Antietam Detac... | Membership Dues | -4.00 | | | | | | |
| The Antietam Detac... | National Dues Colle... | -20.00 | | | | | | |
| Patuxent River MCL ... | Membership Dues | -20.00 | | | | | | |
| Patuxent River MCL ... | National Dues Colle... | -100.00 | | | | | | |
| Garrett County Deta... | Membership Dues | -52.00 | | | | | | |
| Garrett County Deta... | National Dues Colle... | -260.00 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | -460.00 |
| Deposit | 01/14/2024 | | | | | The Antietam Detac... | PNC Checking Acc... | 365.00 |
| | | | | | | The Antietam Detac... | National Dues Colle... | -25.00 |
| | | | | | | Patuxent River MCL ... | Membership Dues | -4.00 |
| | | | | | | Patuxent River MCL ... | National Dues Colle... | -80.00 |
| | | | Patuxent River MCL ... | Membership Dues | -16.00 | | | |
| | | | Shangri La Detachm... | Membership Dues | -4.00 | | | |
| | | | LCPL Robert W. De... | National Dues Colle... | -160.00 | | | |
| | | | LCPL Robert W. De... | Membership Dues | -32.00 | | | |
| | | | CPL Jason David Mi... | Membership Dues | -32.00 | | | |
| | | | CPL Jason David Mi... | Membership Dues | -4.00 | | | |
| | | | CPL Jason David Mi... | Membership Dues | -8.00 | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | | | | | -365.00 |
| | | | Deposit | 01/14/2024 | | PNC Checking Acc... | PNC Checking Acc... | 360.00 |
| Wibberley, Thomas | Banquet Income | -60.00 | | | | | | |
| Wibberley, Patricia | Banquet Income | -60.00 | | | | | | |
| Blair, A. Laurie | Banquet Income | -60.00 | | | | | | |
| Blair, Donald | Banquet Income | -60.00 | | | | | | |
| Noger, Alison | Banquet Income | -60.00 | | | | | | |
| Meaux, Mario | Banquet Income | -60.00 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | -360.00 |
| Deposit | 01/14/2024 | | | | | PNC Checking Acc... | PNC Checking Acc... | 29.00 |
| | | | | | | Garrett County Deta... | National Dues Colle... | -25.00 |
| | | | | | | Garrett County Deta... | Membership Dues | -4.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | -29.00 |



Current NBR of Marines Veterans residing at Charlotte Hall as of February

18 Male and 0 Female Marines (18) Total Marines

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home has been proudly "Serving Those Who Served" since 1985. The Home is situated on 126 beautiful acres in St. Mary's County and offers a continuum of care from the 168-bed assisted living program to the 318-bed skilled nursing program. Charlotte Hall Veterans Home also offers memory care in secure units. The Home is Medicare/Medicaid certified, and all veterans receive a per diem subsidy from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to reduce their cost of care. The Home is inspected annually, as required by the Office of Health Care Quality, MD Department of Health, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Preliminary Admission Requirements

Charlotte Hall serve all qualified Maryland veterans and eligible spouses. To be eligible, veterans must:

- Be discharged under honorable conditions, having served on full-time active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, other than active duty for training, and provide a DD214 or WD AGO Form 53-55.
- Be deemed disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs with a service connection of 70% or higher if they are under the age of 62.
- Own, rent, or lease a primary place of residence in Maryland; have filed state taxes as a Maryland resident; have been a resident of Maryland for three months for skilled nursing care or two years for assisted living; or have Maryland listed as their DD214 Home of Record.

All patients are admitted, assigned a room, and treated without regard to race, color, creed, age, handicap, national origin, or payment classification. We will attempt to meet any special cultural or psychosocial requirements. Upon admission, please bring the following with you:

- Identification card(s)
- Insurance cards and policies
- Military discharge form DD214 or equivalent
- Medicare or Medicaid cards
- Living will, power of attorney, or durable power of attorney
- Health surrogate appointment
- Copy of an organ donation request card

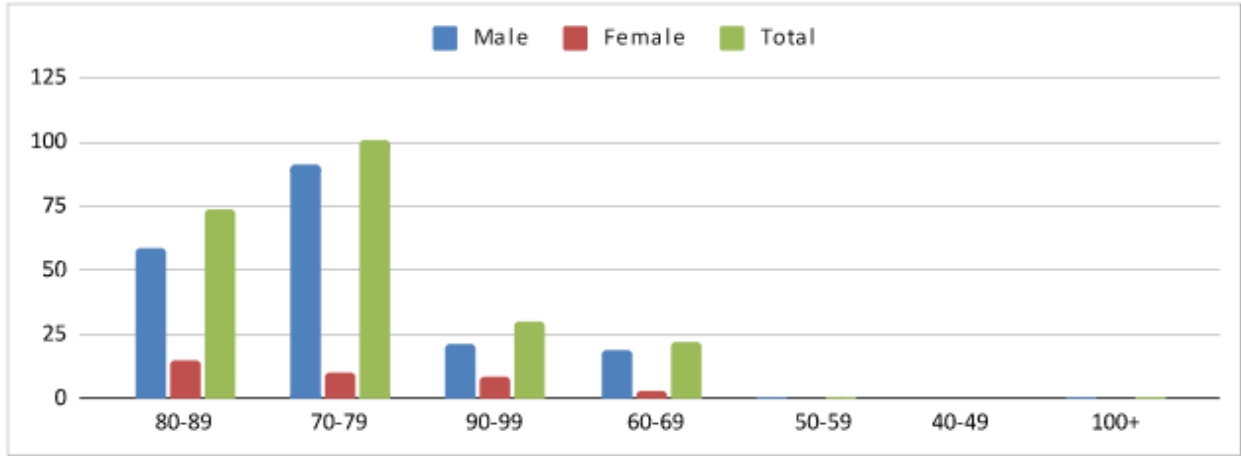
How is Charlotte Hall Veterans Home different from other nursing or assisted living facilities?

- Charlotte Hall Veterans Home serves veterans and their eligible spouses
- On-Site Medical Services: Attending Physicians, Nursing Practitioners, Dental, Optometry, Podiatry, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy
- On-Site Pharmacy, Pharmacist, and Pharm Techs
- On-Site Barber and Beauty Shop, Massage Therapy/Pain Management Practitioner
- On-Site Veterans Service Officer- Certified by US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- Robust Volunteer Program

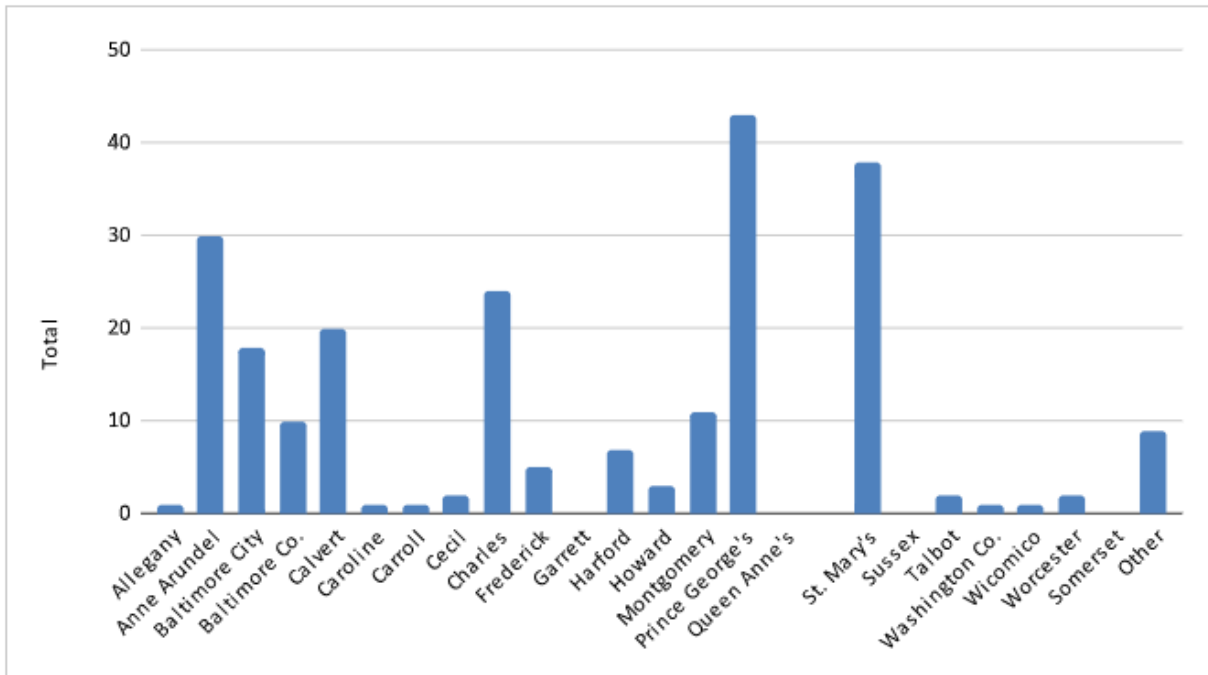
Current Occupancy from 2023 to 2024

| | 2023 Occupancy Rate | 2024 Occupancy Rate | Skilled Nursing Residents | 318-Bed Occupancy Rate | Assisted Living Residents | 126-Bed Occupancy Rate | Total Residents |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Jan | 61% | 51% | 179 | 56% | 48 | 38% | 227 |
| Feb | 61% | 52% | 181 | 57% | 48 | 38% | 229 |
| Mar | 59% | | | | | | |
| Apr | 59% | | | | | | |
| May | 57% | | | | | | |
| June | 57% | | | | | | |
| July | 56% | | | | | | |
| Aug | 55% | | | | | | |
| Sept | 54% | | | | | | |
| Oct | 53% | | | | | | |
| Nov | 52% | | | | | | |
| Dec | 51% | | | | | | |
| Average | 56% | | 180 | 57% | 48 | 38% | 228 |

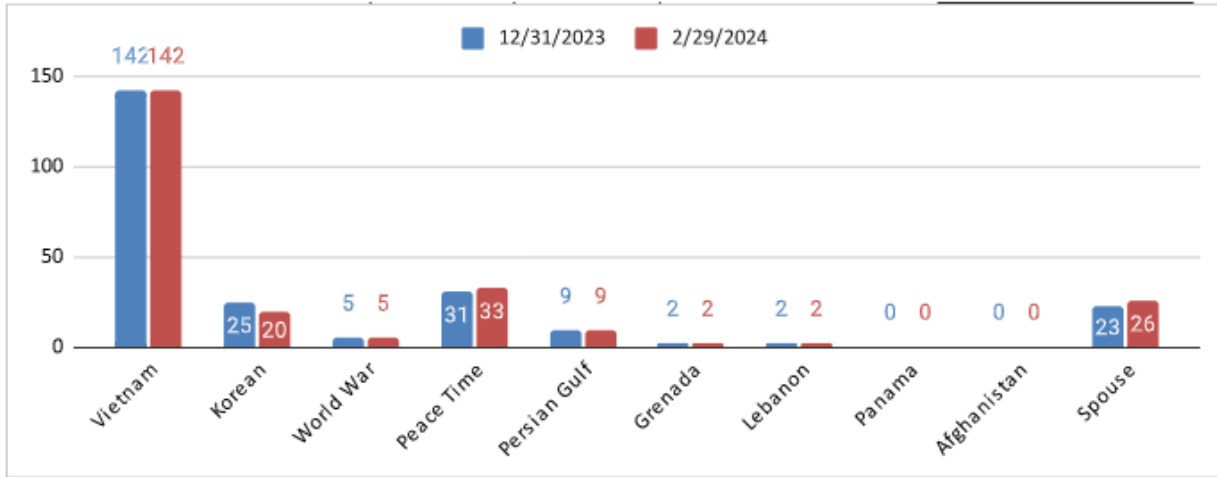
Residences Age Range



Residence by County



War Era:



Detachment 1305:

Working closely with CHVH, Detachment 1305 is the primary MCL Detachment that provides active support along with our Southern Maryland Young Marines. Working with CHVH Director of activities Mrs. Brandi Tanner, it was express that they love our interactions with our residences so we as detachment have committed to no less than once a quarter to hold and event at CHVH.

Marine Corps League Detachment 1305 with Young Marines Sponsored Events for 2024:

- Cookout, Games & Events:
 - January Pizza with Trivia game,
 - February Gill Out
 - Memorial Day Honor Guard
 - June Bingo
 - September Grill Out
 - October Halloween Bingo
 - November Marine Corps Birthday





FROM: Stuart Blair, PDC
Chairman
Eagle Scout Awards Program
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League

THRU: Adjutant, Department of Maryland,
Marine Corps League

TO: Commandant, Department of Maryland,
Marine Corps League

SUBJ: Report – Eagle Scout Awards Program
Marine Corps League
Department of Maryland
* Winter Staff Meeting 2024

Volunteering in Scouting

Scouting is a youth-led, youth-run program, but the youth must be trained to be leaders. Adult role models in Scouting provide an ideal learning experience for all youth. Every adult volunteer has something valuable to offer.

Depending on the role you take on, you can build skills in leadership, communication, planning, self-management and more. All of this adds up and helps to improve skills for life - from teamwork and self-management to problem-solving and people skills. You become part of a huge family.

On 22 February, I attended the 100th anniversary of the BSA Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet at the Bouth Temple in Baltimore. Volunteers from veteran organizations and scout leaders from several districts were awarded for their leadership and guidance with Scouts. Special recognition was given volunteers with the Silver Beaver Award.

On 8 March, I coordinated American Flag Heritage Program presentation for Cub Scout Pack 319, Towson, MD. The program consisted of Presentation of colors, History of Pledge of Allegiance, Flag Guidelines, Four Chaplains, Taps Origin, and Flag Folding demo. Participating in the program were reps from the MCL. The American Legion and Marines from 4CEB.

Good Citizenship Awards Presented

In the past two quarters there have been (46) forty-six presentations of the Good Citizenship Award by the Department of Maryland.

**Down 35 from last year at this time*

Remember the “**Square Knot Award**”

This Award is presented annually to a MCL member directly associated as leader / counselor with a BSA Troop. Criteria/Registration form - online mclnational.org/youthdevelopmentprograms

Reminder

- Please make contact with ESGCA requester within a reasonable time for scheduling presentation
- Advise BS Dept. Chairman of contact
- Utilize the “Eagle Scout Awards Report Form.”
Contact me: thistleman@verizon.net for ESGCA Presentation Report Form
The report will allow the Department to track your progress throughout the year.
- **THE NEXT QUARTERLY REPORT: FEBRUARY 2024 – MAY 2024 IS DUE ONE WEEK BEFORE DEPT. OF MARYLAND MEETING DATE.**

Thank you for all that you do !

For God and Country

REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 9 MARCH 2024



*Stuart P. Blair, PDC
Chairman * Eagle Scout Awards Program
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League*

Marine Corps League
National Scout Committee

| Central Division | |
|------------------|------------|
| Michigan | 49 |
| Ohio | No report |
| Indiana | 2 |
| Illinois | 39 |
| Wisconsin | 39 |
| Kentucky | 0 |
| | <u>129</u> |

| Mid-East Division | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Virginia | 0 |
| West Virginia | 32 |
| North Carolina | 67 |
| Delaware | 1 |
| Maryland | 46 |
| District of Columbia | No report |
| Virgin Islands | No report |
| Puerto Rico | No report |
| Saudi Arabia | No report |
| United Kingdom | No report |
| | <u>146</u> |



| Mid-West Division | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Missouri | 30 |
| Iowa | 0 |
| Kansas | 0 |
| Minnesota | 0 |
| Nebrasks | 0 |
| North Dakota | 0 |
| South Dakota | 0 |
| | <u>30</u> |

| New England Division | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Maine | 5 |
| New Hampshire | 10 |
| Vermont | 0 |
| Massachusetts | No report |
| Connecticut | No report |
| Rhode Island | No report |
| | <u>15</u> |

National Mid year 1-2024
Total Number of Awards Presented
564

| North-East Division | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| New Jersey | 29 |
| New York | 0 |
| Pennsylvania | 25 |
| | <u>54</u> |

| Rocky Mountain Division | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Colorado | No report |
| Utah | No report |
| New Mexico | 21 |
| Wyoming | 0 |
| | <u>21</u> |



| North-West Division | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Alaska | No report |
| Washington | 1 |
| Montana | No report |
| Oregon | No report |
| Idaho | No report |
| | <u>1</u> |

| South-East | |
|----------------|------------|
| Alabama | 0 |
| Florida | 29 |
| Georgia | 6 |
| South Carolina | 9 |
| Mississippi | 0 |
| Louisiana | 4 |
| Tennessee | 55 |
| | <u>103</u> |

| South-West Division | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Arizona | No report |
| California | 44 |
| Nevada | No report |
| Hawaii | No report |
| Okinawa | 0 |
| | <u>44</u> |

| Southern Division | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Oklahoma | No report |
| Texas | 21 |
| Arkansas | no report |
| | <u>21</u> |



Gerald George <geraldgdg@gmail.com>

SSgt Karl G Taylor Sr Det 1084 Quarterly Report

3 messages

MICHAEL BETTS <tiltnkilt@comcast.net>

Fri, Mar 1, 2024 at 8:19 PM

To: Joe Fay <bigjoe64@yahoo.com>, Gerald George <geraldgdg@gmail.com>

Sir Department Commandant and Adjutant:**The First Quarter 2024 Report is as follows:****Paid Membership: 29****New Members Sworn Aboard Since Last Department Meeting: 4, 1 Regular Member and 3 Associate Members****Activities since last Department Quarterly Meeting:****Detachment participated in the Howard County Toys for Tots Drive**

Detachment heavily attended funeral services for our Senior Marine, Col. Louis Schott, who reported to the Supreme Commandant only 2 weeks short of his 103rd birthday in August. The detachment was instrumental in the upgrading of his Bronze Star to a Silver Star mere days before he passed from our ranks. Col. Schott was WIA during the invasion of Peleliu as a platoon commander and when he returned from hospital, his company took Shuri Castle, the linchpin of the Shuri Line, Japan's last defensive line on Okinawa. The Silver Star was for his outstanding courageous actions as the company commander.

The detachment was also very well-represented at Col. Schott's interment at Arlington National Cemetery. Honors befitting him were rendered by the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps, an entire company of Marines from 8th and Eye, and appropriate remarks from an Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Lou was a fine gentleman and he is sorely missed by our detachment, where he was active well past his centenary.

Attendance at our monthly meetings has been rather sparse in the wake of COVID -19, but a hardy few continue to serve the detachment and do their best to encourage those who seldom attend our meetings to come have some camaraderie with us more frequently.

Respectfully submitted,**Mike Betts, Commandant
SSgt Karl G. Taylor, Sr. Detachment #1084
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League**

geraldgdg@gmail.com <geraldgdg@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 1, 2024 at 11:09 PM

To: MICHAEL BETTS <tiltnkilt@comcast.net>, Joe Fay <bigjoe64@yahoo.com>

Thanks Mike, got it.

Jerry

Gerald George

Adjutant

Department of MD

Marine Corps League

Bowie, MD 20715

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geraldgd@gmail.com <geraldgd@gmail.com>
To: MICHAEL BETTS <tiltnkilt@comcast.net>, Joe Fay <bigjoe64@yahoo.com>

Fri, Mar 8, 2024 at 12:57 PM

Got it, Mike. Thanks! See you tomorrow.

s/f

Jerry

From: MICHAEL BETTS <tiltnkilt@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:20 PM
To: Joe Fay <bigjoe64@yahoo.com>; Gerald George <geraldgd@gmail.com>
Subject: SSgt Karl G Taylor Sr Det 1084 Quarterly Report

Sir Department Commandant and Adjutant:

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Marine Corps League

Sgt. Jack Hettchen, Jr. Detachment 1428

To: Commandant Joseph Fay
Department of Maryland
CC: Adjutant, Officers and Members
Date: November 2023
From: Danial Durnell, Commandant
Subject: Hettchen Detachment Report March 2024

Report covers main activities December 2023 – February 2024

- We have regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 1930 at the American Legion Post on Veirs Mill Road in Rockville, Maryland. We conduct regular meetings in the American Legion Post 86.
- **Membership:** The detachment membership increased by (1)
- **Activities:**
Eagle Scout Program is back to full activity. Chairman marine Kevin McDermott is busy with the Honor Court presentations.
- **Through the effort of the Sgt. Jack Hettchen Detachment, the LCpl Robert Deane Detachment, the Town of Kensington and several other donors our Chairman Marine Mike Jadoo and Marine Jim Renza continue to deliver needed supplies to the Ukranian Church.**

The Detachment : <https://sites.google.com/view/sgtjackhettchen/home>

November... Veterans Day activities attended by individuals all over the county. Toys for Tots activity in Bethesda (Winter Wonderland)

Celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday.

Mike Jadoo presented an overview of our new website.

Committee Reports: Mike Jadoo reported on tragedy in Ukraine (bombing near Kiev) that caused in excess of 100+ casualties . The Ukranian volunteers at the church notified Mike that the donations of “Emergency Blankets” donated by Jim Renza and the good people of Kensington and delivered by the the Detachment, arrived just in time and were just enough to save the casualties.

Mike Jadoo presented Jim Renza with a bag of “Life Savers” as a tribute to his life saving efforts. He may share them with the people of Kensington.

Picture and story are on the Detachment website.

Check our WEBSITE for information on National and State events.

<https://sites.google.com/view/sgtjackhettchen/home>

Submitted by Commandant *Daxial Durnell*



LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770 Marine Corps League



Email: info@mcldeneane.org

Marine Corp League Department of Maryland Meeting March 9, 2024
Sam Weinberg - Commandant, LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment #770

Subject: Report Department of Maryland
Period: November 2023 – March 2024

Membership: Strength – 97 Total Members, 48 Life Members, 41 Regular Members, 8 Associate Members
Working on updating the membership list, dues, addresses, emails, and phone numbers.
Working on getting renewal dues for the current year.
We have applications for new membership at all our events and Fundraisers.

Sick/Distressed: Joe Clemente passed away on November 4, 2024

Events: We had one Eagle Scout Presentation on Sunday February 4, 2024
Picked up trash on Park Ave. in Mt. Airy MD on Saturday January 27, 2024
Firing Party and the Detachment helped with Wreaths Across America at Pine Grove Chapel and Cemetery in Mt. Airy MD
Members participated in Joe Clemente's funeral and had the firing party.
Finished up Toys for Tots.
Had our Annual Christmas party at Robert E Lee's house.

Fundraisers: Gearing up for our Crab Feast Raffle and our Annual Golf Tournament
Will be having our Hot Dogs Sales at Mt. Airy Southern States

Summary: Will be having our elections at our March monthly meeting and Installation of Officers in April.
Looking forward to working with everyone and having a great year ahead.

"In Flanders Field the Poppies blow...."



*Marine Corps League Department Meeting
Saturday, March 9, 2024, held at Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post No. 86
2013 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, Md 216*

On March 16, 2024, members of the Gold Star Mothers of Maryland and the Baltimore Detachment 565, participated in "Veterans Appreciation Week" at Loch Raven Medical Center. Fifteen (15) Afghans were handmade for the Gold Star Mothers and twenty-three (23) for Baltimore Detachment 565 for a total of thirty-eight (38) Afghans. We visited every veteran in the hospital, thanked them for their service and rendered a hand salute. The other Marines were Commandant Earl C. Ruff, Senior, Junior Vice Commandant, Raymond Vaughn, and me.

Additionally, the State Paymaster, Anna Blair and her donated four (4) larger Afghans that are being donated to homeless veterans along with, women shoes and other women clothing that I personally donated. This program is sponsored by the Northern Central Region District Commander Darrell Tuesdale, who is a member of the Baltimore Detachment 565. In addition to donating food and clothing, he helps find housing for homeless veterans and sometimes civilians.

There will be a virtual meeting of the VAVS committee on March 27, 2024, where Iblawe will receive an update of new hires, activities of happenings for all VA facilities, donations made by VSO's. However, I am not sure if the problem with the electronic form that is to be submitted to the National Marine Corps League has been corrected, but as of this date, I have not received a review.

2023 Toys for Tots Program

An email was received from David and Diane Brown that they did not have enough members to participate in the program and he anticipated that the Detachment will be closing because of lack of members.

Baltimore Detachment 565 collected 304 toys and donated \$1,325.00

Lance Corporal Dean Detachment 770 collected 5,404.00 toys and 32 bikes and members donated \$4,291.00. Garrett County Detachment 1234 collected 3,833 toys, and \$9,000.00 in monetary donations. Patuxent River Detachment 1305 members were active in St. Mary's County; collected 8,342 toys, 1,085 books and 1,826 stocking stuffers, and \$8161.76 in cash donations.

Total Donations recorded to Date:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Monetary Donations</i> | <i>\$22,777.76</i> |
| <i>Toys</i> | <i>14,434</i> |
| <i>Books</i> | <i>1,085</i> |
| <i>Stocking Stuffs</i> | <i>1,826</i> |
| <i>Bikes</i> | <i>32</i> |

Respectfully submitted,

Marian C. James, WANS and Toys for Tots Chairman

PEACEKEEPERS DETACHMENT # 1492

MARCH 2024

The Peacekeepers Detachment now has a new location for its monthly meetings that are held on the second Thursday of the month at 1100. The new location is at the Ocean Pines Volunteer Firehouse, Berlin, MD.

Commandant Pounsberry, after a suspension of over ninety days per the National Marine Corps League (MCL), finally appeared before a three-member Hearing Board comprised of three National MCL members.

Commandant Pounsberry was exonerated by that three-member Hearing Board panel of all charges brought forth by Marine Broderick.

Marine Broderick was found guilty of one charge.

The Peacekeepers Detachment, as of March 2024, now has forty-six total members.

As requested by Commandant Pounsberry, the Peacekeepers Detachment held a meeting on March 5, 2024 between the Board of Trustees Peacekeepers and the Board of Trustees First State Detachment. The purpose of the meeting was to attempt to establish positive relations between the Marines of both Detachments. In addition to also seeking answers to problems that were still occurring between the Detachments in reference to violations of National By-Laws by members of the First State Detachment. The meeting, while congenial, left even more questions as to past conduct of the First State Detachment members. That information was then forwarded to the Maryland State Department Commandant Faye; and Commandant Faye has forwarded that information via chain of command to the National MCL for clarification.

On March 16, 2024, members of the Peacekeepers Detachment will once again participate in the Ocean City St Patrick's Day Parade. Doc Hattier, a Peacekeepers Detachment member, will provide transportation for the Parade in the form of military jeeps and a Personnel Carrier.

On March 30, 2024, the Peacekeepers Detachment will host a booth on Main Street Berlin Maryland in cooperation with the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. The event on that date will be the annual Spring Fest.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

9 March 2024

From: Commandant, Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198
To: Commandant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League
Cc: Adjutant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League

Subj: **Department Meeting Report – Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198**

Membership

- See National Roster

Past Events

- 10 November 2023: First Capital Detachment #521 248th USMC Birthday Ball in York, PA
- November – December 2023: Toys for Tots events
- 3 December 2023 – Bel Air Christmas Parade
- January–February 2024: Detachment Officer Nominations
- 9-11 February 2024: Bel Air Gun Show
- 10 February 2024: Jarrettsville VFW Auxiliary Victory Jubilee
- 22-25 February 2024: National Midwinter Conference, Arlington, VA

Upcoming Events

- 26 March – Detachment Officer Nominations & Elections
- 20 April – Dept of MD Leadership College in Severn, MD
- 23 April – Detachment Officer Installations
- 30 April-2 May – Modern Day Marine Expo in Washington D.C.
- May – October – First Fridays in Bel Air, MD
- May – October – First Fridays in Havre de Grace, MD
- 9-12 May – Department Convention, Ocean City, MD

Semper Fidelis,

Leonard F. Stielper Jr.

Leonard F. Stielper Jr.
Commandant

Once a Marine, Always a Marine



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

9 March 2024

From: Social Media Chairman, Department of Maryland
To: Commandant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League
Cc: Adjutant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League
Subj: **Department Meeting Report – Social Media Chairman**

Past:

- Continued to monitor “The Marine Corps League” Facebook page to add any content to Department page.
- Continued to monitored Detachment Facebook pages to add any content to dept page.
- Continued to share Detachment posts to Department page to increase overall exposure and engagement.

Future:

- Continue to monitor the National, Department, and Detachment pages for content, continued compliance, and increased digital engagement.
- Seek additional individual willing and able to learn and do the job.

Semper Fidelis,

Crist Burns Jr.

Crist Burns Jr.
Social Media Chairman
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League



FROM: Stuart Blair, PDC
MCL Commissioner
Maryland Veterans Commission

THRU: Adjutant, Department of Maryland,
Marine Corps League

TO: Commandant, Department of Maryland,
Marine Corps League

SUBJ: Report - Maryland Veterans Commission

Marine Corps League
Department of Maryland,
2024 Winter Staff Meeting

MVC Quarterly Meeting

On Tuesday 16 January 2024 the Maryland Veterans Commission held their quarterly meeting virtual (zoom) with 21 Commissioners representing VSOs and congressional districts, representing the Marine Corps League was Commissioner Stuart Blair, PDC.

Secretary Woods presentation to the Commission:

- Robert Finn will be an adviser working on the second State home in Sykesville.
 - There will be land set aside for a Veterans Home at Perry Point on federal land – another project Bob has been working on. The third home is still years away and will not start until the second home is completed.
- Update on legislation
 - There are three key bills being championed by the Governor:
 - HB0431/SB0411 – Renaming the Department to the Department of Veterans and Military Families
 - Families Serve Act of 2024 allowing for private sector preferential hiring of military spouses, and 10 points added for spouses applying for State jobs.
 - Time to Serve Act increases leave days from 15 to 30 for Reservists and National Guard members employed by the State for military purposes.
 - Senate Bill 275: Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Gold Star and Next of Kin Families in the Senate passed 1st reading in both chambers..
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- Also looking to the General Assembly to propose legislation:
 - To crack down on Claims Sharks – those that take advantage of Veterans.
 - Create a Commission on Veterans & Military Families
 - Removing the pension financial distinction between 55 and over and under 55 military retirees.
- In addition to the legislation, Governor Moore signed two Executive Orders on Veterans Day:
 - Reconfirming the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families.
 - Creating a Commission to Establish a Global War on Terror.

Denise Nowlin: Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

- Hopes to begin outreach in the future, but there are too many emergency reviews right now. Secretary Woods suggested the Commissioners are the Ambassadors of the Department and should share the information about the Trust Fund.
- We are handing out band aids. We know many applicants may qualify for other services, but we just don't have the time to walk the Veteran to other services.
- Commissioner Stem requested that Denise Nowlin come to Carroll County and speak to the Department of Aging.
- Length of time for approval is four weeks, but using a grants management program should help cut down on that timeline.

Presentation:

Yolanda Rayford, Blue Star Families

Subcommittee Reports

- Homeless Subcommittee
- Combating Substance Misuse

Commissioner Calvert report of the Commission to Establish a Women's Memorial

- Spoke to Secretary Woods now that the final report has been submitted. The final decision will come from the Governor's office.

Round Robin:

Commissioners reports organization activities

Chairman Tyler mentioned the Incarcerated Veterans sub-committee which is currently in-active. He met with former Commissioner Penny Collins, who led that subcommittee. He wants to do more research.

He also discussed Veterans Courts. He is observing a Veterans Court session on Feb. 27th.

Chairman Tyler will be discussing with Secretary Woods if there is a need for any other sub-committees, or other issues the Commission is missing.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.**NOTE:**

*All topics presented here are available in detail
Contact Stuart Blair: thistleman@verizon.net*

NOTE:

Since January 2023, more than 31,400 Veterans have enrolled in VA's guaranteed acceptance whole life insurance program, Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife).

Tax Season Reminders for Veterans

Are you preparing to file taxes? VA is here to help with some helpful reminders for Veterans and beneficiaries.

- VA benefits are tax free.
- There is no federal income tax on VA insurance proceeds
- Veterans with a service-connected disability rating may benefit from local property tax exemptions.

You may qualify for free assistance with filing from [MilTax](#) or [IRS Free File](#).

Next MVC meeting will be Tuesday 16 April, 2024
Hagerstown, MD

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TO: COMMANDANT
DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

SUBJECT: November Quarterly Report

9 March 2024

Recent Activities

- 1) With a heavy heart I report that the Mountainside Marines Det #1071 voted to close their doors at their Christmas Party on 21 December. I attended that Party. Their vote was unanimous by all Regular in Attendance.
- 2) Initial plans were to have their detachment fully shut down by this meeting. Since 21 December I have had 4 bouts of Bronchitis, 6 Asthma attacks, Double Pneumonia , and my childhood asthma has come back

Future Plans and timeline goals

I will be meeting with Mountainside on 12 March at Commandant Craig's home to assist them in completing the Death notices and Member transfers. To date one additional Member has been transferred to the Garret Detachment. As the majority of Mountainside are Senior Citizens, I foresee the most of them transferring to the Maryland Marines.

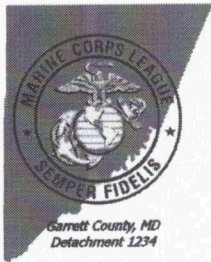
My goal for final closure and surrender of MCL property by the Department of Maryland Convention. Additionally, other Historical Records, Plaques and or other Photos, and other detachment owned items of interest will be distributed among members or donated to appropriate museums or other agencies.

Memorial Day Observance Gulf War Memorial , Cumberland MD
Memorial Day Observance Rocky Gap Veteran's Cemetery
USMC Birthday Party Antietam Detachment 18 November

Sincerely

Jeff Robinette

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Garrett County Marine Corps League
Detachment 1234



From: Rob Heilig, Commandant
Garrett County Detachment 1234
Thru: Adjutant, Department of Maryland,
Marine Corps League
To: Commandant, Department of Maryland,
Marine Corps League
Subj: Quarterly Report 9 March 2024

Membership: Total membership 46 with 33 life members, 13 regular members.

Sickness & Distress: Paul Shogren passed away in January. NOD sent in.

Current Events: Working on 2024 Golf Tournament. Date is 1 June 2024.

Upcoming: Program for Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29th. It will be a good program.

Summary: We continue to recruit new members. Don Schneider from Mountainside Marines transferred to us.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Rob Heilig
Commandant Garrett County Det 1234
Marine Corps League

Garrett Co. Detachment 1234 of the Marine Corps League

10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

501-C4

BENEFITS



Oakland Golf Club

Deadline to enter May 25th

Registration: 7am - 11:30 am

Saturday June 1st

Weekend After Memorial Day

\$400 per team (Foursome)

\$100 per player

8 AM Tee Time • 1 PM Tee Time

Team Name: _____

Contact: _____

1. _____ 3 _____

2. _____ 4 _____

4 Closest to PINS
1 Long Drive (Men's)
1 Long Drive (Women's)

50/50 Drawing
18 Hole Scramble
Lunch Provided

HOLE SPONSORS - \$100

Corporate Sponsors Available: \$5000 • \$3000 • \$1000

PRIZES 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Net / 1st & 2nd Gross

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Sgt Jack H detachment Ukrainian project

In 2022, On average the Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment, Lcpl Deane detachment, and residents of Montgomery County Maryland collected 800 lbs of food supplies that were brought to Saint Andrew's. On January 2023, we received an extremely generous donation from Kim Potter of children's clothes that were donated.

From January 2023 forward the project's scope moved from food to clothes as food supplies in Europe started come in better. As the months progressed the detachment started receiving help from the residents of the State of Maryland. Slowly, each month more people wanted to help us. Communities started for form in the Town of Kensington, Columbia, MD, Frederick, MD , Rockville, MD. Each month we continued to receive help and some individuals also started to come and donated in large amounts in places like Wheaton, MD, Potomac, MD ; Onley, MD , Baltimore, MD, Washington, DC Ward 5.

In November 2023, our scope changed from clothes to medical supplies, hygiene items, and now Military MRE's and combat fatigues. We received a generous donation from the US Veteran's Reserve Corps of combat uniforms that was donated to the church and arrived in Ukraine to be used immediately.

In total we had collected 34,000 dollars worth of food supplies. With a monthly average of 1,700 dollars' worth of donations since we started.

During these last 2 years the Ukrainian community have acknowledged our efforts here in the Maryland and most importantly in Ukraine.

In August of 2023 members of the Sgt Jack Hettchen detachment meet the Silver Spring Ukrainian Orthodox church's main coordinator. Her role is to works very closely with the Ukrainian military and civilian personnel to help towns in Ukraine. She personally thanked us for our efforts and shared that we have truly made a big difference in their lives back in Ukraine.

At the 2023 Ukrainian Festival in Silver Spring, MD (September) the Department of Maryland Marine Corps Leagues was publicly praised for the efforts that we had done by the church to the thousand of festival goers. Many people personally thank the member of the Marine Corps League who was at the festival.

Recently in December 2023, it was shared with us that the supplies that we had sent around that time and helped their military reservists save lives. Specifically, the emergency blankets that Jim R and the residents of the Town of Kensington had pulled together to send.

We have made progress getting medical supplies (Walmart/amazon), hygiene item (Ollie's/Walmart), and military MRE's (Full Metal jacket).

The Ukrainian on the receiving end of our efforts have recently informed us that the MRE's we have sent is very good and helping their effort.

To keep this short, our efforts here is making a difference.

We would like to get more help would like to invite other detachments to consider helping us. We would like to ask if you could consider donating 50 dollars to us to get as many MREs as possible.

Also we are open to having other detachment to be more involved in our efforts by teaming up. Please come and talk to me during the break and lets exchange contact information so we can make a big difference.

Vladimir Putin must not be allowed to take over Ukraine. Putin 'will keep going if he's not stopped'

CAMP LEJEUNE WATER CONTAMINATION

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



I'm a Veteran who believes I was exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune, what can VA do for me?

Since 2012, Veterans who served on active duty in the Armed Forces at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, have been eligible for hospital care and medical services for any of 15 illnesses or conditions identified in the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012, as amended (codified at 38 U.S.C. § 1710(e)(1)(F)). Veterans are also eligible to enroll in VA health care for other services they may require.

Veterans, Reservists, and National Guard members who served at least 30 days at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, and later developed one of the following eight diseases: Adult leukemia, aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, liver cancer, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and Parkinson's disease, are eligible for disability compensation benefits.

For more specifics about VA benefits related to Camp Lejeune contaminated water, to include how to file a claim, visit www.VA.gov/CampLejeune or call 1-800-MyVA411.

LEARN MORE

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What impact does the PACT Act have on Veterans and families who were exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune?

On August 10, 2022, the President signed into law the Honoring our PACT Act (Public Law 117-168). Section 804 of this law is the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 ("CLJA"), which allows new lawsuits for individuals exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune.

Whether Veterans and family members decide to seek relief under the CLJA is entirely their decision and will not influence VA's decision to provide them benefits or health care based upon their exposure; it also will not affect the amount of benefits or health care VA can provide them.

It is important to know, however, that if a Veteran or family member is awarded relief by the court in a lawsuit brought under the CLJA, the award must be offset by the amount of any disability award, payment, or benefit VA provided to the Veteran, family member, or their legal representative relating to exposure to water at Camp Lejeune. This would reduce the amount of the award Veterans or family members receive from the court, but it would not affect their VA benefits.



I'm seeing a lot of commercials about benefits I may be entitled to based on my time at Camp Lejeune. Are these ads connected to VA?

Lawyers, firms, and others have engaged in extensive advertising offering to represent Veterans in CLJA actions. These entities are not connected with VA benefits or services. Be aware that these entities may charge you a fee for legal representation.



Will seeking relief under the CLJA impact my VA benefits or health care?

Your VA compensation benefits or health care services will not be impacted if you file a lawsuit. If you are awarded relief from a CLJA lawsuit, your VA benefits will not be reduced, and your eligibility for other VA benefits or services will not be affected.



Will my court awarded relief (from filing a lawsuit) be impacted by VA benefits and services I already receive?

Yes, potentially. If you already receive VA benefits or services (disability pay or health care services) for conditions related to the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune, the court awarded relief will be offset by the amount of any disability award, payment, or other benefit VA provided to you related to your exposure at Camp Lejeune.



What if I file for VA disability AFTER I receive an award from my lawsuit brought under CLJA, will VA reduce my benefits as a result?

No. Any action you take or award you receive under the CLJA will not influence VA's decision to provide you benefits or health care based upon your exposure or the amount of compensation you receive from VA.

CAMP LEJEUNE WATER CONTAMINATION KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

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How can I find the status of my CLJA case?

The Department of Justice established a phone number and email address for anyone with questions regarding the status of cases filed in Federal court under the CLJA. The phone number is (202) 353-4426, and the email is camplejeune.pactact@usdoj.gov.



I've heard scammers are taking advantage of CLJA to commit fraud. How can I avoid these fraudsters?

Lawsuits under the CLJA are not related to VA benefits claims, and a lawsuit is not required to receive VA compensation benefits related to Camp Lejeune presumptive conditions. Veterans should be cautious of companies that advertise that VA benefits cannot be obtained without their help. VA and Veterans Service Organizations do not charge fees for assisting claimants in filing disability compensation claims. Check out organizations that provide free assistance with claims for VA benefits at www.VA.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp. To report suspected fraudulent activity involving VA benefit claims, please contact vaoighotline@va.gov or call (800) 488-8244.



My spouse served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and we lived on Camp Lejeune during the impacted times. He has since passed away. What are my options under the CLJA?

Under the CLJA, anyone who resided, worked, or was otherwise exposed (including in utero exposure) to water at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, may bring an action in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina to obtain appropriate relief for harm that was caused by exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune.

Claims under the CLJA must be filed initially with the Department of the Navy. Information on filing CLJA claims for personal injury or wrongful death can be found at: www.jag.navy.mil/organization/code_15_Camp_Lejeune_Claims.htm



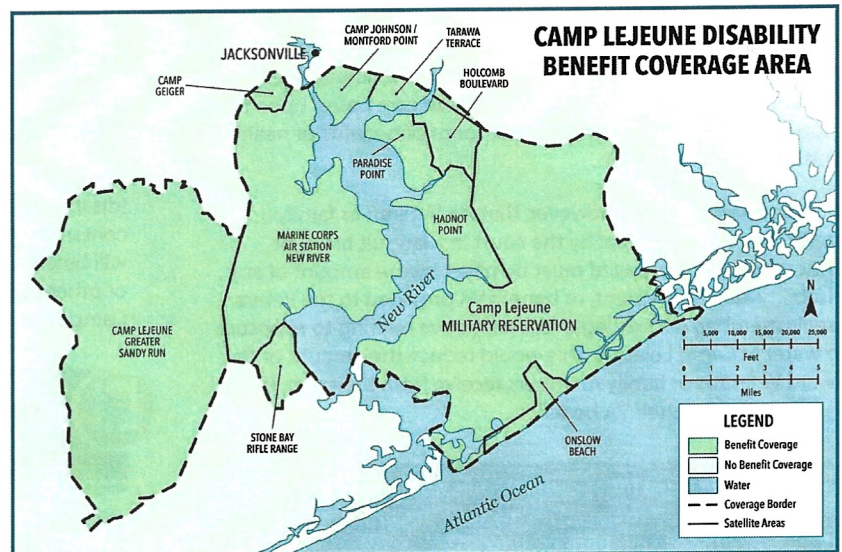
I am a family member of a Veteran, and I believe I was exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune – what are my options?

In addition to filing a claim under the CLJA, VA may be able to provide you with benefits and health care for certain conditions. VA will provide payment or reimbursement for hospital care and medical services provided to a Camp Lejeune family member by a non-VA provider in certain situations. Contact VA to discuss your options.



Will VA treat my Camp Lejeune contaminated water related health care conditions without a lawsuit or disability claim?

Yes, you do not need court awarded relief or a VA compensation benefits decision for VA to provide health care services needed to treat related illnesses if you meet eligibility requirements established in law. Contact VA immediately to understand the resources available to you.



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