



# Department Of Kentucky Marine Corps League

**To:** Johnny Baker, National Commandant,

**Cc:** Mike Sturch Central Division National Vice Commandant

## **Northern Kentucky**

**Subj:** 2023 Department of Kentucky Mid-Winter Report,

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The Department of Kentucky has been moving in a positive direction. The Department Board of Trustees, appointed officers, committee chairs, and liaisons have been working to better the Department of Kentucky.

### **Senior Vice:**

We have witnessed several of our department members, while performing MCL duties, on Face Book wearing uniforms that do not meet the requirements of the Marine Corps or Marine Corps League Uniform Standards.

Commandant Darrel Tharp and I have been working together to educate and reinforce the Uniform Policy directly to those in violation. Since then, we have not seen any further incidents of this kind.

As part of our Commandants Corner; I will continue to reinforce the Uniform Standards with our Leadership Team by taking time during our department meetings to show actual examples and have discussions regarding the specific violations.

**Veteran Service Officer:** To be forwarded.

**Honor Guard Liaison:** Department Report by Detachment to be forwarded.

**Toys for Tots:** Report to be forwarded.

**Young Marines:** The Northern Kentucky YM was select as the Division 2, 2022 unit of the year, 2023 Jr. and Sr. Regimental Young Marines of the Year. YM/GySgt Abby Smith was selected as the Daughters of the American Revolution 2022 outstanding cadet. The unit raised funds for the Special Olympics and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The unit participated in many events such as Wreaths Across America, Cops for Kids, Toys for Tots, VFW Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy, Veterans Day events and Memorial Day Events jus to mention a few. The unit provided color guards for many sporting events, community and Veteran Organizations events. 11 YM accomplished a first class PFT.

**Perry Braden Detachment 402:** Conducted 109 funerals and collected 1000 Toys for Tots, 3 community service hrs.

**Kentuckina Detachment 729:** Conducted 120 funerals & 12 visitations, community service 6248 hours, Toys for Tots 16273 children, 49284 toys collected, \$53583.32 in donations. Marine for Life 3. Detachment supports B.S.A. Eagle scout program, JROTC and Young Marines (in the process of applying and starting a new YM unit). Provided support for the Kentucky Tornado and Flood relief.

**GYSGT William J. Norris 804:** Conducted 11 Funerals, Community Service hours 500+, Toys for Tots-5664 children, 25316 Toys collected, \$33017.72 in donations. The Detachment supports the MCL Foundation Scholarship program, JROTC and the B.S.A. Eagle scout program. Donates to the Audubon Area Community Services for PTSD.

**Dan Daly Detachment 858:** Conducted 8 funerals, Community Service 20 hours, Donated \$500.00 to Toys for Tots. Marine for Life 12. Supports the MCL Foundation Scholarship program.

**Blue Grass Detachment 1012:** Conducted 50 funerals.

**Franklin R. Sousley Detachment 1095:** No Report.

**Harold G. Epperson, MOH Detachment 1113:** No Report.

**Pennyrile Detachment 1150:** Conducted 126 funerals, Community service 788hrs. Toys for Tots 12 Toys collected and \$250.00 donated. The Detachment has their own scholarship program.

**LT. Presley O'Bannon Detachment 1342:** Conducted 74 funerals.

**LTCOL Vance Huston 1345:** No Report.

**PFC James M. Yancey Detachment 1390:** Conducted 17 Funerals, community service 2250 hours. The detachment participated in 4 parades, provided support for the Paducah annual reveille, provided a color guard and read the MCL resolution for the Purple Heart light to unite ceremony. Provided Christmas dinners for 27 families and toys for 82 kids. Laid Christmas wreaths at 4 military memorials. Supports the MCL Foundation, Young Marines, Youth Physical Fitness Program, and B.S.A. Eagle Scout program. Donated to the Kentucky Boys and Girls Ranch. Provided tornado relief of \$3000.00 to Bremen KY, 2 Marines were provided \$5000.00 each for repairs and to cover bills, \$1000.00 to Toys for Tots to help tornado victims, and \$2200.00 to Detachment 729 to help with flood relief.

**Victor H. Carr Detachment 1447:** Conducted 4 funerals, community service 350 hours, donated \$1000.00 to Toys for Tots (TFT report attached). The detachment VSO provided services to 9 personnel. Participated in flag planting at Camp Nelson, Memorial Day ceremonies at local cemeteries, KY Disaster relief efforts. Donations to Wreaths Across America, Camp Brown Bear

(PTSD), MCCCK, Young Marines, FOP's Shop with a COP, Honor Flight of KY, and local nursing homes. Supports the Youth Physical Fitness program.

**J.C. Paul Detachment 1448:** Community Service 1512hrs. Toys for Tots 12207 children, 3936 toys collected, \$11712.57 in TFT donations. Donated to the MCL Foundation scholarship program, supports the MCL Eagle Scout program. Gave support to members with PTSD and helped a military family who's family member took his own life.

**Department of Kentucky:** Conducted 519 funerals, community service 6251 hours. Toys for Tots 17871 children, 29252 toys collected, \$45730.29 in TFT donations. 19 veteran claims 6 PTSD assist. There was a few uniform violations from the Department reported on social media once discovered the issues were addressed and reported to the Central Division National Vice Commandant.

Respectfully Submitted,

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