



Marine Corps League Department of Florida

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To: All members of the Department of Florida
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Subject: Quarterly Report

Thank you for your confidence in electing me as Commandant for the Department of Florida. I assure you that your Board of Trustees and all the Department staff have been busy and diligent in performing their duties and in service to the membership.

It has been a busy few weeks since installation. Some staff position duties have been realigned; there have been two Chapter 9 filings with one going to hearing in early September; and several calls for assistance from Marines in need. A special thank you and kudos to the leadership and members of the LCPL Justin Wilson Detachment 1045 for their response not only in their AO but to a call for help a couple of hundred miles away.

There remain three staff positions to be appointed: A Toys for Tots Chairperson, Chairperson & committee members to serve as our 75th Department Anniversary (2021) planning committee, and a chairman & committee to research and report on the viability of establishing and maintaining a disaster relief fund for the benefit of our own members. Planning and preparation for the 75th anniversary must begin soon to provide for a truly exceptional year and convention. Please let me know of your interest to serve in any of these positions or in any other capacity within the Department. New blood and new ideas are what will allow your Department to grow and prosper!

Several members and staff attended the National Convention in Overland Park, Kansas. A separate report on the convention will be distributed as the monthly BOT report for September. Of special note is the briefing provided by Lieutenant General Rex McMillian, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; and Commander, Marine Forces North. General McMillian explained the many requirements and duties of the Reserve Forces especially the I & I staff, that conflict with the primary mission of readiness to deploy. Two duties that are especially demanding are Toys for Tots and funeral honors. He asked for help from the Marine Corps League in supporting both duties. I know that many Detachments throughout the Department of Florida are already engaged. Please continue to do all you can in support of the Reserve Units and their respective I & I staff. General McMillian stated that he will direct all his Command to work with the Marine Corps League and to consider membership in the League. I encourage each Detachment, with a USMC Reserve unit near their AO, to make frequent contact with the I & I staff; to offer

assistance in any way needed; and to recruit members to your Detachments. I & I Staff are eligible for the Honorary Active Duty (H/AD) or regular membership status; while the reservists are eligible for regular membership, but not H/AD.

At the Convention, I issued two challenges: for each member to recruit at least one new member, and for everyone in attendance to encourage another member to attend and participate in the fall conference and Leadership Program. Have you made the effort to meet those challenges? I have recruited a new member and am working at encouraging others to attend the fall conference. Please step up, accept the challenges, but more importantly meet the challenges.

As always, I and all the staff team are available for your questions and suggestions. I have encouraged all the staff to attend as many Detachment meetings as possible; not to criticize but to listen, learn, and communicate with you the members.

I hope to see many of you at the fall conference in Palm Beach Gardens. The venue is outstanding and the host Detachments promise another great conference

Semper Fidelis,

George LaMont,

Department Commandant