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Since right before the 2018 convention in Buffalo when I was appointed to this Chairmanship, I have been gathering Marine Corps League history through the pages of old *Leatherneck* magazines, older MCL publications, individual Department and Detachment programs and bulletins and wherever else I could find information on the beginning and formation of the Marine Corps League. Utilizing this information, I have started to put together a fairly good timeline of events in the early history of the MCL. This effort will continue until 2023 when the MCL celebrates their 100th Anniversary and hopefully I will have a booklet prepared for the anniversary.

2019 is going to be a building year as I start gathering Regional and Department historians to be on my team so they can start to research and document their respective Region and Departments histories. Once these histories are gathered, they will be incorporated into the whole MCL story.

During the past year I have assisted the Department of North Carolina, Maryland and New Jersey with their histories along with the Northeast Division. By helping these Departments, they have a better understanding of their beginnings and will be encouraged to add to, and continue, documenting their histories.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention one sad step backwards. On 2 February 2019, the MCL lost one their Marines, Robert Rossi. Bob Rossi was one of my team members and gave lots of efforts to the history of the MCL. His passing is sorely missed along with his insightful advise and humor. Requiescat in Pace.

On to Billings MT!

Semper Fidelis!

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