



Marine Corps League



Midwest Division IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD

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From: Harvey L. Harris National Vice Commandant, Midwest Division
To: Wendell Webb, National Commandant
Re: 2019 Midwest Division National Convention Report

Our 2019 Spring Conference, hosted by the Siouxland Detachment, Department of Iowa, was a great success, all Departments were represented. New Bylaw template was distributed, and all detachments and department were asked to update their Bylaws. Detachment and Department Conventions will be completed, and all were asked to submit the current ROI's, to include a current E-mail address for future contact information. The Fall Conference will be hosted by the North Star Detachment 943, Department of Minnesota, Sept 27-28, 2019 in Bloomington, MN.

The 06-30-2019 National Roster indicated the Midwest Division had a total of 3,392 Life and paid up members, 465 unpaid members or 13.7%. After review of the 09-30-2017 roster it was determined that current membership decreased by 10 members. Overdue members went from 475 down to 465, a reduction of 10 members. In review and updating the Department rosters it was found that several members listed were in fact deceased. Updating is under way to correct this problem.

To remedy this error the Midwest Division is in the process of creating a division roster department by department with current up to date information. Detachment Paymasters were directed to maintain a current roster and forward a copy to Department & Division, Transmittals when received as requested from a majority of department paymasters while some paymasters failed to send a copy of any of the requested records including the required ROI, 990-N and their state Secretary of State not for profit reports. All were requested to personally contact overdue members by phone in person or by mail and/or e-

mail to assist them in rejoining the unit. If the delinquent member does not desire to rejoin the Marine Corps League he/she will be requested to give the reason why the decision was made to not rejoin the League. If the members cannot be located he/she will be dropped from the roster after the third attempt. The League will be better off if some of the reluctant members do not rejoin, if all the members does is complain about the League, the League does not need them as a member. This is a volunteer unit and for the Good of the League QUALITY is better that QUANTITY. Detachment Paymaster were requested to forward all Notices of Death, Transfer requests, ROI, and Life Member Audits to department and division along with sending them to National. We must have a current/correct baseline to start the accountability from. Midwest Division had one member resign from the League due to a Felony Convection and one pending action if the Grievance is not resolved, a Grievance and Disciplinary action will be filed for several violations of Oath of Office. (Section 9105)

National Roster 06-30-2019 listed the following membership changes for the Midwest Division.

	06-30-2018 BLACK		06-30-2019 RED			
	PLM/Paid:		Delinquent:			
• Department of Iowa:	629	596	57	9.0%	73	12.2%
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• Department of Kansas:	358	360	58	16.2%	37	10.2%
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• Department of Minnesota:	612	608	47	7.6%	70	11.5%
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• Department of Missouri:	1201	1,169	161	13.4%	180	15.3%
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• Department of North Dakota:	132	134	50	37.8%	34	25%
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• Department of Nebraska:	241	262	73	30.2%	50	19.0%
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• Department of South Dakota:	269	263	29	10.7%	21	7.9%
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• MIDWEST DIVISION	3442	3392	475	13.8%	465	13.7%

Overall the Midwest Division decreased membership by 50 members to 3392 from 3442 in 2018/2019.

Detachment Starter Kit requested from North Dakota and Iowa.

Deceased members reported 2019: 32

Respectfully Submitted,

Semper Fidelis.

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