

Marine Corps League



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To: National Commandant Wendall Webb, CEO
From: David Porter NVC New England Division
Subject: 2019 National Convention Report
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Sir Commandant,

The New England Division had a strong year and I am looking forward to setting the bar higher for the next year. It's amazing how fast time flies by. Here we are already in Billings, Montana and then soon back to Modern Day Marine Expo in September at Quantico, Virginia. Now that I have a year under my belt, I look forward on implementing on what I have learned to strengthen or Division's communication. Stronger communication will bring the Division tighter together.

I would like to report the Commandants in New England continue to stay on path on reducing the members in the unpaid column.

	Total Paid	Total Unpaid
Sept. 30, 2018	2,569	746
<u>Dec. 31, 2018</u>	<u>2,835</u>	<u>541</u>
March 31, 2019	2,989	439
June 30, 2019	3,057	397

Commandant Webb, as being a guest at the Quad State back in April, you were able to listen first hand on New England Division's Compliance officer, Bernie Heaney, give a report on his hard work getting his Division report completed. New England Division is at 76% compliant since July 9, 2019. I believe were going to lose a few of those detachments that are revoked do to inactivity. I have confidence that the percentage will be much higher if not 100% by next Midwinter Conference.

The New England Division will always to continue to support greatly to the Young Marines to help assist our next generation. The New England Division does need to strength its partnership with The Marine For Life Program. The Program kicked off a little slow in the New England area, but we are looking forward to the

upcoming year. Two other programs the New England Division works with are the Toys for Tots and the Eagle Scouts. The TFT brought in over 105,000 toys at a value over 1.5 million dollars for Toys for Tots last holidays, and 598 Eagle Scouts certificates were handed out from New England.

The New England Division had three successful conventions. The first was the Quad State in April of 2019 hosted by Department of New Hampshire which took place in Manchester, NH. The Guest speaker was General Fields who pinned Vietnam Veterans who have not received the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration pin. The second convention was hosted by the Department of Massachusetts which was held in Hyannis, Mass (Cape Cod). Department of Mass had General Faulker was the guest speaker. The third and final convention was hosted by Department of Connecticut which was held in Groton, CT. Department of Connecticut had Col. William Barnes. All three guest speakers gave three different amazing motivational speeches.

Besides the three conventions, I still stayed busy. I marched in the Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade with Marines from the Honorable Few Det. 1302, first time marching. April 15 I took part in the Tough Ruck 2019. Tough Ruck 2019, which was 26.2 miles, had raised more than \$800,000.00 in support of the Military Friends Foundation. May 13 I was able to visit Marine Corps League Headquarters and Quantico during Police week in Washington DC. May 17 was quite a memorable day where I was able to accompany NJA Griffin and my father where they were pinned by Gen. John "Jack" Sheehan with the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration pin. The pinning took place on the USS Constitution which actually toed out to the harbor to do a twenty one gun salute at Castle Island. Acting Airforce Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy was the guest speaker. June 6 I was able to attend with the great company of NJA Griffin the Fisher House of Boston Night of Honors on the USS Constitution. Guest Speaker was General John F. Kelly. My last big event was completing a 9k road race for Run to Home Base organized by Homebase.org. Homebase.org is a partnership of Boston Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital working together to help Service Members, Veterans, and their families heal from Invisible Wounds: TBI, PTS, and related conditions.

With my first year under my belt, I continue to remain humbled and grateful to be in this position. But New England Division would not be where it is with the help and dedication from my staff. My three main Marines are my assistant Joe Messina, Paymaster JR, and my mentor and Chief of Staff PNC Jim Laskey.

Semper Fi

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