



Marine Corps League, Dept. of NJ

Office of the Commandant

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To: National Commandant Dennis Tobin

From: Department of NJ Commandant Joseph DeAngelo

Re: Mid-Winter Report 2021

Sir Commandant,

I was not going to submit a report as the Department has been in lockdown for the past year due to COVID 19 but going thru my correspondence for the past year made me realize what we have done.

As a Department we have continued to do the work of the League even with the Restrictions

We have held monthly Zoom meetings with the Department Staff and have held a few Department Meetings via Zoom which will continue into 2021.

On May 23rd of 2020 I was able to temporary lift the restriction I had placed on the Detachments due to Gov. Murphy allowing up to 25 people to get together at indoor gatherings. We were able to have Detachment Meetings and I was able to attend 3 meetings per week during this time.

Meetings were going well until December when the Governor tightened the restrictions back to 10 people to a gathering. I shut the Department back down and went back to Zoom or Teleconference Installations. We held the Department Elections for 2020 via the EEO for Departments that was passed down by National.

We also revamped the Department Bylaws and were able to vote on them and send them to National for approval. We as a Department are now in line with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. I would like to thank Tony Modzelewski, Chris Soldano and Matthew Veprek for their tireless work in getting this accomplished.

During the Pandemic we started meeting thru Zoom with all the heads of the different Veteran Service Organizations monthly along with Col. Nall who in Acting Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs and Interim Director of the Division of Veterans Healthcare Services. Basically, this gives us an opportunity to get together and find out what is going on within the State and any issues we may have or need to talk about.

I was also able to have a sit down via Zoom with Interim Adjutant General Col. Lisa Hou along with Brian Gillespie my COS and Paul Sutton who heads the Legislative Committee for the Department to discuss interactions between the League and the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. The Zoom meeting went well, I was able to lock on Sea Girt National Guard Training Facility for our meetings for the long term and again at no charge. I also recommended and the Colonel agreed to assign us a VSO from the Department of Military Affairs to attend our meetings when they begin again so they can assist our members where needed. I hope this partnership will continue to grow well after my term is up.

This is just some of the things we have been doing during the lock down. It has been challenging to say the least but the Department has moved thru the obstacles with flying colors.

I hope this pandemic ends soon and we will be able to meet in Springfield for our National Convention.

Respectfully Submitted

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