



## NEW ENGLAND DIVISION MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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To: National Commandant Dennis Tobin  
From: NVC David Porter New England Division  
Subject: Mid-Winter Report 2021

Commandant Dennis Tobin,

We have been in trying times and experience challenges we have never faced before. Some parts of the Country strived a little better than others. Unfortunately the New England Division was crippled from the restrictions from Covid -19 as well, especially the State of Massachusetts. As for Mid-Winter Conference being canceled because of the State of Virginia's restrictions to only 10 people to a gathering, the New England Division also had governors who shared that same plan. With the pandemic and its restriction, we were not able to have a Quad-State Convention this year. I know many had looked forward to attending both Mid-Winter and Quad State. Department of RI will host the Quad State Convention in 2022. With the vaccines being distributed out, we are hoping the New England Division/Dept. of Mass Convention to happen this June!

We need not to dwell on the negativity and things that are out of our control, but focus on what we can do! Look to the positive motivations we could focus on during the pandemic! One thing, we are moving in the right direction on trying to get caught up with technology. The Board of trustees held many Zoom meetings and New England Division has done the same. New England Division also had COO Borka hosted a Zoom meeting with a great turnout for as a class for all Department Commandants and Paymasters to get caught up to speed on the new data base. I would like to say to the Detachment Commandants, please have patience!

The New England Division Compliance Officer, Marine Berny Heaney, has been working very hard on getting the New England Division to 100% compliant with the IRS. As of right now, New England Division is at 83% compliant! Sad to report we are going to lose a few charters in New England due to no activity and revoked IRS status. Membership is down too, but I believe once we are able to function at full capacity things will change.

I encourage Marines to accept the challenge and seek the motivation to advance through the ranks. I know there are some sacrifices that come with more responsibility, but the rewards having a highly motivated staff are priceless! The New England Division is always looking for motivating Marines to join the staff. Two positions we are seeking are a Division Armor and Division Awards Officer. We are quick to point out the mistakes that happen, but why not reward the Marines and civilian who support our Marines! I would also like to report, even though the restriction put in place on gatherings, I believe the New England Division has stepped up its game on tighten up the communication!

Semper Fi

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