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From: National Senior Vice Commandant Johnny Baker

To: Dennis Tobin, Marine Corps League National Commandant

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As the National Senior Vice Commandant, it has been my pleasure to serve the Marines of the Marine Corps League in this position for the past six months. I am humbled to have this opportunity to serve each member. As the National Senior Vice Commandant, I have the responsibility to assist the National Commandant and during the absence or illness of the National Commandant, perform the duties of that office. It is my responsibility to preside over all Department Commandants' Council Conferences and with their assistance, initiate and implement dynamic programs that will increase the effectiveness of the MCL. The National Senior Vice Commandant will be designated the MCL's "Corporate Secretary" and shall be directly responsible to the National Board of Trustees for that position.

This past year has been a challenging year with COVID-19. The Board of Trustees continued to move forward with new and innovative ideals to ensure the business of the League ran smoothly. We started holding frequent Board of Trustees meeting via Zoom, teleconferencing, and in-person meetings. The Board of Trustees never faltered in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibilities of the League. The Board continued to work very closely with the Chief Operating officer Bob Borka to ensure the success of the League.

Also, during the past year, the Board of Trustees has worked extremely hard in bringing our new database on-line. A committee was established to assist getting the database up to date. Working with the old data in the new database system, caused more problems and issues that were anticipated. The committee, which consisted of Wendell Webb, Bob Borka, Harvey Harris, JD Foster and me, have been meeting every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am for the past several months working on these issues. I wanted to report that the National Commandant and this committee are working diligently and striving for making the new database an important resource for the League. We ask for the members patience once again in order that we continue to improve this process. The team is continually striving to ensure that the Department Commandants and Paymasters are trained so that they may train their counterparts at the Detachment level. We have held several training classes and will continue the training process for the new database and member portal.

The Board of Trustees had to make some tough but necessary decisions in the cancellation of the 2020 National Convention and the 2021 Midwinter Conference. These were hard decisions, but the safety of the members was always paramount in our decision-making process. Cancelling the 2021 Midwinter was primarily based on the fact that the Commonwealth of Virginia still only are allowing meetings in groups of ten (10) or less until at least the end of February.

Finally, I wish to convey my appreciation to the leadership of our National Commandant Dennis Tobin and the Board of Trustees. We continue to step forward, make the hard decisions that support the League and ensure full compliance of the National Bylaws. We have the moral obligation to serve each of you to the best of our ability. I am humbled and appreciative to have the opportunity to serve all Marines of the Marine Corps League. Semper Fidelis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Johnny Baker