



National VAVS Representative

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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To: National Commandant & National Adjutant

Subject: 2021 Mid Year Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS Rep) Report

Marines,

The following is information pertinent to the MCL Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) Representatives' activities and achievements for the first half of FY 2020.

1. Administrative Issues.

- a. I published and issued new MCL VAVS Guidelines in order to create one single point of reference for all MCL members when they have questions about the VAVS Program.
- b. The VA has renamed its Veteran Administration Volunteer Service Office as **“Center for Development & Civic Engagement.”** In addition to a name change the office is now under the direction of the VHA Office of Operations.

2. VAVS Committee Representation:

- a. According to the Report of Regular and Occasional Hours report* of 30 Sept 2020, Marine Corps League Members volunteered in 131 VA Medical Facilities..
- b. According to the same report, the Marine Corps League has 115 VAVS Representatives on 81 VAVS Committees.
- c. Total Volunteer hours for all MCL members was 66,801.5

* The Report of Regular and Occasional Hours is a cumulative report published every March, June, Sept and Dec by the Veterans Administration's National Advisory Committee (NAC). It

details the number of regular volunteer and hour, occasional volunteer and hours and the numbers of VAVS Reps/Depts in each VA Medical facility.

3. Annual Joint Reviews The Annual Joint Review (AJR) is the report compiled by each VAMC detailing that VAMC's MCL volunteers, the hours they volunteer, and **the monetary and non-monetary contributions made** by the local MCL Dets.

- a. For the MCL, the AJR is usually completed during Feb of each year.
- b. Total donation numbers and volunteer hours will not be published by the NAC until later in the year.
- c. Those numbers will be available for the summer convention.

4. VAVS Representative/Deputy Certifications

- a. The VA requires the Veteran Organization's National VAVS Representative to "certify" all VAVS Committee Representatives.
 - i. IAW MCL guidelines, I get recommendations for these positions from the Det Cmdt.
 - ii. The Commandant's recommendation ensures the Marine is:
 - a) known by both the VAMC and the detachment,
 - b) a member in good standing, and
 - c) willing to fulfill the responsibilities of the VAVS Rep/Dep

5. Attendance and Minutes

- a. Besides the AJR's, the only other report that's forwarded to the MCL VAVS National Rep is a copy of a facility's Quarterly VAVS minutes and attendance roster.
- b. That report is accessible to anyone by going to the NAC National Website.

6. MCL Department VAVS Representatives:

- a. **There is no requirement for a Department to staff a VAVS Rep position.**
- b. As such, the MCL has not yet standardized the job description for the Dept VAVS Rep position, so each Dept has their Dept VAVS Rep assigned to tasks pertinent to their Dept.
- c. As such Dept VAVS Reps are not fruitful POC's for me to contact if I have questions about VAVS Reps within their Department.

7. National Advisory Committee IAW VA Regs, as the MCL National VAVS Rep, I am also a member of the VAVS National Advisory Committee. As such, I am required to attend the annual training/conference. This year the conference will be held virtually in Aug 2021. At the completion of that training, I will submit an after-action report to the Office for distribution.

8. VAVS Representative Ribbon

- a) The VAVS National Representative does not have the authority to award the VAVS Award. Currently the ribbon is awarded by the Division, Department or Detachment Commandant.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my responsibilities or about this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



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