



*National VAVS Representative*  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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From: Michael W Miller  
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To: National Commandant

Subject: Annual Report, Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS Rep)

Attachments: 1) MCL Volunteer Hours and Donations Report

Marines,

The following is information pertinent to the MCL Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) Representatives' activities and achievements for the period of 1 Jul 2020 – 30 June 2021.

**1. Veterans Affairs Renames Their VAVS Program:**

A. The VA has moved their VAVS program to the VA's **Under Secretary for Health**. In doing so, it also renamed their program to "Center for Development and Civic Engagement" (CDCE).

B. Its mission pertaining to the participation of volunteers in VA medical facilities, assist in recruitment and orientation of volunteers, and keeping the officers and members of participating organizations informed of volunteer needs and accomplishments has not changed.

C. Anyone interested in watching any of the NAC Conference presentations can find those by date and time at <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/NAC.asp>.

D. I have updated all MCL documents requiring the name change or submitted to the COO those changes required in the Administrative Procedure and By-Laws.

## **2. Marine Corps League Participation:**

- A. The Marine Corps League, as late as Oct 2020, had 2,700 Regular and Occasional Volunteers in more than 100 VA Medical Facilities.
- B. In terms of volunteer hours, it is not surprising that actual volunteer hours are about half of our usual participation – about 10,000 hours.
- C. However, MCL Detachments continued to support VA programs with monetary (\$20,000) and non-monetary donations (\$40,000). These too are about half our normal contributions.

## **2. Annual Joint Reviews**

A. The Annual Joint Review (AJR) is the report compiled by each VAMC detailing the number of regular MCL volunteers, the hours they volunteer, and the monetary and non-monetary contributions made by the local MCL Dets.

B. As you can guess, the number of MCL Reps that submitted their report also dropped. A hat-tip to the VA, in almost every case the CDCE Office was willing to work via attachments and phone calls to complete this report. If there were failures of report submission it was on our end.

**3. MCL Staffed Facilities with Noteworthy Contributions.** Please take note of the following facilities and their reported contributions. Even with the most restricted condition, these detachments were exemplary in problem solving and mission accomplishment.

State	Area	Number of Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Monetary Donations	Non-Monetary Donations
FL	Lake City	10	507	\$1,000	\$8,399.59
GA	Augusta	6	181	\$2,300	\$1547.29
IA	Des Moines	4	1,211	\$1,500	\$838.72
MA	Bedford	3	18		\$3,675
MN	St Cloud	11	858	\$1,150	
NY	Bath	5	67	\$3,260	817
PA	Coatesville	8	110		\$6,395
TN	Mountain Home	7	1,889	\$2,050	518
VA	Hampton	13	144	430	\$1,751

**4. National Advisory Committee** IAW VA Regs, as the MCL National VAVS Rep, I am also a member of the VAVS National Advisory Committee. This year's conference was conducted virtually. Those who wish to watch any of the presentations can go to <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/NAC.asp>.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael W Miller', written in a cursive style.

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