

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



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ILLINOIS – INDIANA – KENTUCKY – MICHIGAN – OHIO - WISCONSIN

Date: August 09, 2021
From: Phil Zamora, National Vice Commandant, Central Division
To: Dennis Tobin, National Commandant and CEO
Subject: 2021 National Convention Report

Sir Commandant;

Since the start of this pandemic it was hard to meet with all Departments face to face except a few and on Zoom which has been a great platform to keep in touch with our Departments. Since May, once most of the states lifted their restrictions, myself or my Assistant have been to all Departments except Kentucky and I hope to attend a meeting there soon. Last year's 2020 Central Division Conference in Louisville, KY had to be cancelled because of restrictions due to the virus. But 2021's Central Division Conference in Wisconsin on March 18-20, 2021 went off without any problems or restrictions. We had COO Bob Borka and a few of the National Officers on a Zoom call at the conference answering questions about the database and other National issues. We also held classes on Paymaster, How to hold a convention or conference, proper protocols for holding a meeting and the two videos COO Bob Borka put together for the database.

This week in our Division the Department of Illinois is hosting this convention, for the past two years they have been working hard and had to really do most of the work the past few months because of the virus the hotel and the visitors bureau were closed until the restrictions were lifted, Illinois has done an outstanding job keeping this convention on track and in Illinois.

As far as membership in the Central Division, our numbers seem to have remained the same as before the pandemic or close. In some Departments, all Commandants have found a way to keep in touch with their Detachments and I know each Department is hard at work to make sure we are not only growing our League but also continue to keep the members that we have at this time. We are trying to keep them busy within their detachments by fundraising and getting involved within their communities.

Lastly, Sir Commandant, it has been a privilege serving on the National Board of Trustees with you this past two years, you did an outstanding job keeping us all together while this pandemic kept all of us from moving around our Divisions and seeing all our fellow Marines.

Numbers by Department as of 07/30/2021

	PAID MEMBERS / DELIQUENT / TOTAL		
• ILLINOIS	1800	468	2268
• INDIANA	1702	160	1862
• KENTUCKY	783	114	897
• MICHIGAN	1816	290	2106
• OHIO	1648	187	1835
• WISCONSIN	1198	19	1217
• CENTRAL DIV	8947	1238	10185

Things that need to be worked on in the Division:

- Grow younger, need to find new ways to draw in the younger members and share with each other how they are doing it.
- Make sure all detachments are compliant.
- Continue to keep the lines of communication open from the Departments to National.

It has been my honor to serve as the National Vice Commandant for the Central Division.

Semper Fidelis,

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