



Marine Corps League



Midwest Division IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD

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2021 National Convention - Midwest Division Report

Since being elected in October 2020, the Midwest Division (MWD) is investing time and energy to bring all detachments into the status of “Good Standing” with the Marine Corps League (MCL), the IRS and the Secretaries of State. The first step was to determine the status of the Department / Detachments. The MWD ANVC has spent hours researching the status of each Department, and they are included in this report.

MWD is working with The Department / Detachment Commandants and Paymasters to reconcile with paymaster’s records to confirm the membership numbers. The Department rosters referred to in this report have not been reconciled detachment records.

Department of Iowa has 10 detachments, and all have filed 990N for the 2019 tax year. All but one detachment has a current ROI on file. All detachments are in Good Standing with Secretary of State.

The Department of Kansas maintains its own Department Roster and all detachments are current on Transmittal, ROI, 990N, LMA, Notice of Death and Secretary of State filings.

Department of Minnesota has 14 detachments and 7 are current on 990N filings, 7 detachments are revoked and 1 has not filed since 2018. The EIN for the Department of Minnesota is incorrect. Working with the Department Commandant and Paymaster to correct. Only 2 detachments have filed secretary of state’s not for profit annual report and are in good standing. On a positive note, a new detachment (Lakes Area Leathernecks) is in the process of forming in Frazee, MN.

Department of Missouri has 21 detachments with 14 being current with tax year 990N filing. 3 detachments have not filed since 2018 and 2 are revoked. 20 detachments are in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State and 1 detachment was revoked by the State of Missouri for not filing.

Department of North Dakota has 4 detachments. 2 detachments have filed 990N for the current tax year. 2 detachments have no record of filing, and the Department of North Dakota is revoked. Only one detachment is in good standing with Secretary of State. The Department of North Dakota is in disarray with no leadership. This will be addressed and efforts to correct the situation.

Department of Nebraska has 7 detachments. 4 detachments have filed 990N for the current tax year, 2 has not filed since 2018 and 1 has not filed since 2017. There are 5 detachments in good standing with the Secretary of State, 1 has no record and 1 can be made current this year.

Department of South Dakota has 8 detachments. 3 detachments have filed 990N for the current 2019 tax year, 2 have no record and 3 are revoked. Seven are in good standing with the Secretary of State and 1 is dissolved.

The “Revoked” Detachments have lost their tax exemption and must report as taxable income any monies collected as donations. The donors cannot claim a tax exemption. The detachments that have “No Report” maybe listed as a 501-c-3 or as a for-profit organization which violates National By-Laws Article II Section 205. We need to determine their status and assist where needed.

The issue of “Revoked” status will be considered a top priority in the Midwest Division. We will work with the detachments to regain their tax-exempt status. In addition, we will concentrate our efforts on the detachments who have not filed in 2017 or 2018 to ensure that they become current. MWD will aid all detachments to reach our goal of 100% in “Good Standing”.

The Midwest Division is conducting an inventory of the ceremonial weapons on loan from TACOM. To date, 17 detachments have reported 173 M1 Garand rifles in their possession. This data has been passed to COO Borke for his records.

The Midwest Division held its 2021 Spring Conference April 16-17, 2021 in Wichita, Kansas hosted by Air Capital Detachment #773. The training provided at this conference included:

- How to keep your Department / Detachment in “Good Standing”.
 - Train Commandants and Paymasters on ROI, 990N, Sec. of State and LMA timely filings.
- New Data Base Training for Commandants and Paymasters
- HUD-VASH
 - A representative from Robert Dole Veterans Affairs Center will present how Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing assist homeless veterans and how local detachments can help.

Respectively submitted,

Semper Fidelis,

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