



Marines;

Welcome to Springfield, Illinois for our National Convention. Over the past two years we have accomplished a great deal. We have put our incoming slate of officers in a position to hit the ground running and keep us moving forward.

This has been a year to remember, and to forget. The Covid virus has had us locked down since February 2020, and our Mid-Winter conference was cancelled. While others were shut down, we were doing what Marines do best, Improvising, Adapting and Overcoming the obstacles in front of us. I'm positive that we are a better, more proficient organization due to the leadership of our Division, Department and Detachment Commandants and their staff in holding their units together and keeping the lines of communication open and flowing.

Where do we currently stand after the past two years?

61,873 members, 34,172 of those are life members. That's 55% of total membership. We are now in a danger zone in regard too life members compared to regular members. The next couple of years will be crucial, and we have to look at when and how we raise the cost of life membership and when a member can file for life membership. We are also looking into income sources that will allow us not to depend on annual dues as an income course.

Electronic PLM disbursements, 62% of all Detachments have received their money through electronic deposits, started this year to do away with check writing and returned checks. Those Detachments that have not received it either did not file their PLM audit or did not give their banking information to National. 100% of Departments submitted their banking info and received their money.

Plastic membership cards, do too problems with the existing printing company we purchased a printing machine to print our own membership cards.

We now will have enough to put on the desks of all membership personnel and cards can now be printed as transmittals come in.

The database, is becoming more and more functional and user friendly every day. Do to COO Bob Borka's efforts in getting training material online in the library and personally assisting in live and virtual classes more members, Detachments and Departments are taking advantage of the database.

On-Line Payments,

You can now register and pay online for National Conferences and Conventions, along with the National Ad book and delegate registrations. The delegate registrations go directly to the credentials committee. There is a new transmittal with room for more than just 6 names, Detachments send the transmittal and payment to the Department who then submit the transmittal and payment electronically to National.

ROI's, transfers, roster corrections, notice of death,PLM audits, and any other forms are sent via email with files attached. As I said before we have accomplished a great deal over the past two years, through some very trying times and we did it in Marine Corps fashion.

As leaders, you have all gone above and beyond what would have expected of normal people, as Marines, above and beyond what is expected Is NORMAL.

It has been a great Honor and a privilege to lead this fine organization, The Marine Corps League and all 61,873 members for the past two years. I cannot say enough about the support I've received and the overall leadership that has carried us through. I hope I have lived up to your expectations of me. I will continue to serve and support the league wherever and however I am needed.

Semper Fidelis
(ALWAYS FAITHFUL)
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