



Date: August 5, 2021
To: National Marine Corps League Commandant - Denis Tobin
Nation Marine Corps League Board of Trustees
From: National Marine Corps League Scout Committee Chairman
Subject: **2021 National Marine Corps League Summer Report**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This report will discuss the activities of the National Scout Committee during the last twelve months.

Our primary focus continues to be presenting Eagle Scout Good Citizenship certificates. The following Departments, by Division, has presented the following certificates:

➤ **Southeast Division (417)**

*Tennessee – 243
Georgia –
Mississippi -
South Carolina - 18*

*Alabama –
Louisiana -
Florida - 156*

➤ **Central Division (374)**

*Illinois - 252
Kentucky – 18
Ohio - 15*

*Michigan - 25
Wisconsin - 60
Indiana - 4*

➤ **Mideast Division (186)**

*Maryland – 48
West Virginia - 27
Delaware – 3*

*Virginia – 20
North Carolina – 88
District of Columbia -*

➤ **Northwest Division (73)**

*Oregon – 1
Washington – 13
Idaho - 59*

*Alaska – 0
Montana – 0*

➤ **Midwest Division (62)**

*Missouri - 40
South Dakota – 1
Kansas – 3
North Dakota - 0*

*Iowa – 0
Nebraska - 1
Minnesota - 17*



➤ **New England Division (33)**

Maine -

Vermont -

Connecticut -

New Hampshire –

Massachusetts –

Rhode Island – 33

➤ **Southwest Division (33)**

California – 31

Hawaii – 2

Arizona - 0

Nevada –

Okinawa -

➤ **Northeast Division (19)**

New Jersey – 19

Pennsylvania -

New York –

➤ **Rocky Mountain Division (9)**

Colorado – 9

New Mexico -

Utah –

Wyoming –

➤ **Southern Division (2)**

Texas – 2

Arkansas -

Oklahoma –

* NOTE - If no number was listed, no report was received

The numbers reported are not near as high as in the past primarily due to the continued Covid-19 restrictions on most Scout units. Many Scouts are either not having their Eagle Courts of Honor or delaying until conditions change.

Scouts that have requested our certificate have received via mail, so they have them for when they are able to have a Court of Honor.

Reporting increased to over 63% from last report of roughly 25%. Congratulations to Southeast Division for presenting the most certificates and to the Departments of Illinois and Tennessee for presenting 252 and 243 certificates, respectively.

We will continue to work on better communications and increase our numbers as we move forward.

We continue to work on are spreading the word about the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship certificate across the country. I have joined the Scouts BSA Female Troops Volunteers and the Boy Scout Volunteers FB pages. I have posted information and links to the National MCL web page, and I have been encouraged by the feedback asking about our certificate and recently asked to take part in a Boy Scout troop from New York Zoom meeting and explain our certificate to them. Facebook has been a great way to find different Scout districts and troops and spread the word about our certificate.

In early 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the Marine Corps League in participating in the BSA's Community Service Award program. This award is for Marine Corps League members, in good standing, that are also registered leaders with BSA Councils, Districts, and/or units who



have met certain requirements upon approval by the National Scout committee and the BSA. *Information regarding this award can be found on the National web page.* This is an award that is worn on the BSA uniform that utilizes the Eagle, Globe and Anchor Device to denote our organization. Below is what the award looks like.



I am pleased to report that and say that four Marine Corps League members have been approved for this award to date.

1. Richard Walsh from the Kalamazoo Detachment #879 in Kalamazoo, Michigan
2. Karen Barton from Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 in Hickory, North Carolina,
3. Adam Tegge from West Hudson Detachment #209 in Kearny, New Jersey
4. William Kropa from Northampton County Detachment #298 in Easton, Pennsylvania

One of our main goals for this initiative has been to raise awareness in the community and possibly attract Marine veterans to engage with the Marine Corps League by demonstrating another avenue in which to serve our local communities through service to the League and Scouting.

The last thing I would like to report on is a description of who do we present the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship certificate to. The Marine Corps lives by a saying "Once a Marine Always a Marine", Eagle Scouts live by a similar saying, "Once an Eagle Scout Always an Eagle Scout". I am not sure how Departments handle who they present the certificate to, but I believe that they should be presenting this certificate to anyone that has earned the Eagle Scout rank whether they received it yesterday, a year ago, or ten years ago. The most important thing is that we recognize all the hard work in achieving this great honor. Presenting a two-dollar certificate goes a long way in building our reputation and is a great tool to use for recruiting new members.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me on my mobile at (231)301-0950 or email at masunasfam@gtlakes.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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