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To: Johnny Baker, National Commandant and CEO  
Subject: 2022 National Mid-Winter Report

Sir Commandant,

Things are slowly getting back to some sort of normal, as units are beginning to have face-to-face meetings again, as well as social events. I attended the Mid-Winter Rally in Michigan in the beginning of this month, and my other Departments will be having events coming up soon that I will be able to attend.

Our Central Division Conference is March 17-20 in Springfield, Ohio. It should be a good turnout despite the lingering threat of COVID, and I am sure we will have a productive and enjoyable weekend.

The most current roster shows our Division at **8009** members. These are Regular and Associate members, not including multiple or dual members. The breakdown is as follows:

- Indiana – (Reg) **1146**, (Assoc) **477** = **1623**
- Illinois – (Reg) **1432**, (Assoc) **93** = **1525**
- Kentucky – (Reg) **684**, (Assoc) **47** = **731**
- Michigan – (Reg) **1478**, (Assoc) **181** = **1659**
- Ohio – (Reg) **1433**, (Assoc) **75** = **1508**
- Wisconsin – (Reg) **896**, (Assoc) **67** = **963**

I know that every Detachment and each Department is working hard and diligently to grow and maintain their memberships, as well as being active in their respective communities.

Our goals are to continue to grow and maintain our retention. We are looking at ways to reach the younger Marines and prospective members. We will also ensure compliance with all policies and regulations, and continue to keep the lines of communication open on all ends.

It has been an honor to serve, and I hope to continue the growth and direction of my predecessor.

Semper Fidelis,

Michael Sturch

*“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”*



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#### Department Mid-Winter Report 2022

My term as Department Commandant is coming to an end. I can't believe it will be 2 years in June. We have continued the fight against COVID, and most Detachments have made progress in returning to normal face-to-face meetings. They are also getting out and being involved in their communities when possible.

The continuing focus has been on retention and recruitment. We are seeking ways to improve both, especially recruiting the younger members. Without them, we will not be able to grow or maintain what we have.

We are continuing to ensure compliance with the 990's and incorporations. I believe all of my Detachments have been brought into compliance, and we are ensuring they keep it that way.

We have currently 43 Detachments, according to the roster. 2 Detachments are in the process of pulled due to lack of membership.

**Semper Fidelis,**

*Michael W. Sturch*



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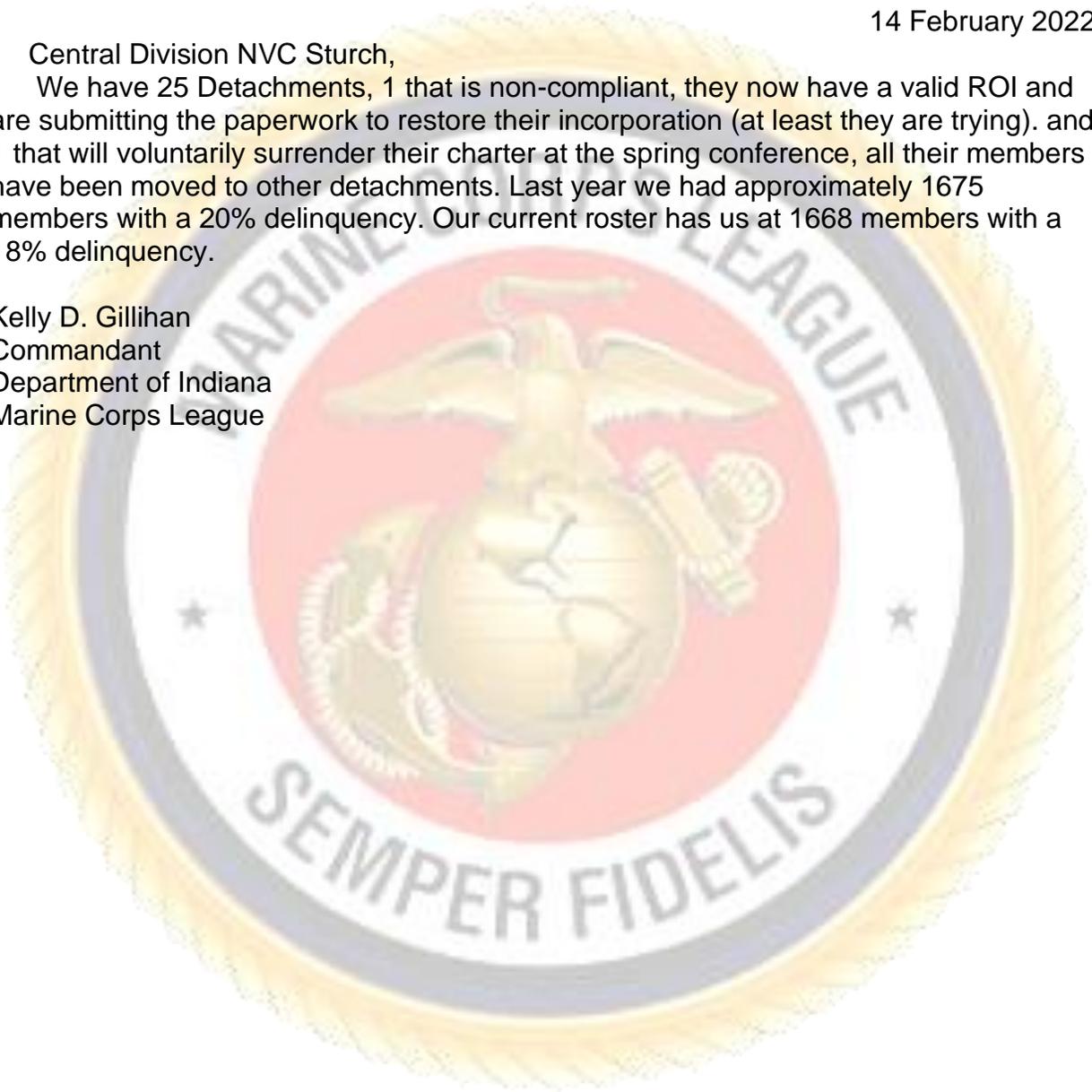
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14 February 2022

Central Division NVC Sturch,

We have 25 Detachments, 1 that is non-compliant, they now have a valid ROI and are submitting the paperwork to restore their incorporation (at least they are trying). and 1 that will voluntarily surrender their charter at the spring conference, all their members have been moved to other detachments. Last year we had approximately 1675 members with a 20% delinquency. Our current roster has us at 1668 members with a 18% delinquency.

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*Semper Fidelis*

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2021 Annual Report

Det. #	Funeral Honors	Community Service hours	Toys 4 Tots # Children helped	Toys 4 Tots # Toys Collected	Toys 4 Tots \$ donations collected	Transitioning & Families assisted	Notes of Interest
402	103	3	0	0	0	0	N/A
584	NR	NR					
617	NR	NR					
729	135	5554	14750	43750	N/A	21	Had a raffle that netted \$40,000 for helping "Veterans in Need", had a winter weather collection, hosted Veterans Club and holiday meal for Homeless Veterans.
804	4	480	5725	20429	\$17000.00	0	Members attended nightly TAPS ceremony at a local VFW Post. Helped Veterans with VA paperwork. Helped local Salvation Army with food distribution.
858	8	500	10	0	\$300.00	5	COVID has been a problem.
971	NR	NR					
1006	NR	NR					
1012	63	63	0	0	0	0	No longer associated with T4T due to financial issues.

1095	NR	NR					
1113	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
1150	204	2000	0	0	\$125.00	0	Awarded 4-\$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors of family relations of honorably discharged Marines, Money was raised through annual pancake breakfast.
1342	99	NR					
1345	60	800	N/A	0	0	25	Helped Veterans regardless of Branch of Service.
1390	12	2300	MC-95	MC-513	MC-\$2802.00	1	KY Sheriff Boys & Girls Ranch \$350.00, 4 Chaplains Foundation \$400.00, Provided Christmas dinner for 34 families, Young Marines \$100.00, Providing assistance for the KY tornado relief.
1447	6	270	N/A	N/A	\$1900.00	0	Performed Flag planting at Camp Nelson Memorial Day for fallen Heros, Donations to: Wreaths Across America, Camp Brown Bear, MCCCK, FOP's/ Shop-with-a-Cop, GTFD/T4T, Honor Flight KY, and local Nursing Homes.

<b>1448</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5800</b>	<b>10259</b>	<b>13360</b>	<b>\$10172.25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>NR</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>17204</b>	<b>T4T=30,734 Other=95</b>	<b>T4T=77539 Other=513</b>	<b>T4T=\$29,197,25 Other=\$2802.00</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>Supported Young Marines with awards and monetary donations by Detachments, Department Commandant Appointed Ed Napper as Honor Guard Liaison and Veteran Service Officer Liaison, Charles Northcutt Marksmanship Liaison.</b>

**NR= No Report, N/A= Not Available, MC= Marine Claus Det. 1390 Christmas Toy/Food Drive.**

# Department Commandants Report

## Dearborn Midwinter 2022

24 January 2022

Welcome to the 2022 Department Midwinter. I hope this conference finds all healthy and safe. We hope that a good time is had by all and we leave Midwinter with some good information we can take back home to our individual groups. I have made an attempt for us to learn together with as many as 6 meeting or classes being “Joint” as the topics apply to both groups. We will also loosen up a little with more casual attire in the hopes of attracting and retaining new and younger members to Department events.

Since the Department Fall Staff meeting in Davison on 09 October 2021 I report the following activities:  
We scheduled the next Department Fall Staff meeting for 08 October 2022  
Attended the Flint Detachment 155 Birthday Celebration on 06 November.  
Attended Lake Superior Detachment 764 Birthday Celebration on 10 November.  
Attended Upper Peninsula Detachment 444 Birthday Celebration on 13 November.  
Helped form Upper Peninsula Detachment 444 Summer Convention Committee.  
Attended the U.P. Devil Dogs Detachment 1478’s monthly meetings.  
Worked with the Department Auxiliary for this Department Midwinter  
Logged in on 3 Commandants Corner by the Nationals Public Relations Chair.  
Logged in on the Michigan Commanders Group Zoom meetings.  
Working with Great Lakes Marketing Heather Bauman on new non-profit information that’s available.

Our Department Summer Convention is being hosted by the Upper Peninsula Detachment 444, 03-05 June at the Island Resort & Casino in Harris Michigan. Since 2009 this is the 4<sup>th</sup> time the Department has had a Summer Convention at the site and I welcome all to come back or if it’s your first time to head north and check it out.

Upcoming Marine Corps League important dates and events are:

**National Midwinter:** 24-26 February 2022, Norfolk, Virginia.

**Central Division Conference:** 17-19 March 2022, in Springfield, Ohio.

**Department Convention:** 03-05 June 2022, Harris, Michigan (13 miles west of Escanaba).

**National Convention:** 13-19 August 2022, Daytona Beach, Florida.

**Department Fall Staff:** 08 October 2022, Davison, Michigan.

Thank you for all that you do!

Semper Fidelis,

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Mike,

I have never filed a report for mid-winter, so I'll do my best.

The 2 years I have been Department Commandant have probably been the toughest two years to be Commandant. I still have some Detachments that are not meeting on a regular basis because, in some cases, many have compromised health issues and don't want to take any risks of infection or taking it home to a family member with compromised health issues. I also have a couple of Detachments that are having quite a bit of infighting, which I also attribute to lack of continuity because of COVID. I believe the solitary confinement everyone went through made people think too much or dwell on problems instead of solutions, which is why drinking and suicides are continuing to climb. There is a bright side in that many people discovered zoom and can stay in touch in a way they never knew before, of course, there is still nothing like being face to face.

My Judge Advocate and I visited a Detachment that was having some issues causing some members to resign, but I felt we had a breakthrough with them. The other Detachment I was having difficulty with has stopped contacting me since their elections last year but I don't see them represented at Department meetings or any higher level meetings which I think hurts them tremendously. The one we just visited didn't know a lot of things we told them. That is because they never leave their Detachment to go higher levels to find things out and they also do not take advantage of all the information on the National Website. I send notice of all the Commandant Corner zooms as well as other things and have members of other Detachments tell me they have never received so much information from Department as they have since I became Commandant so I must be doing something right.

As far as numbers go, we have had almost a quarter of our membership that have not paid their dues according to the latest roster that was sent out. I have also heard from a number of Commandants that their roster is totally off so I encouraged them to let JD know what their issues are so he can get it taken care of. So we will see where that leads as time goes on. So, you will not receive any numbers from me. If you need something more from me let me know.

Jeff Krakow

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