



## National Vice Commandant

### Southern Division

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From: National Vice Commandant, Southern Division

To: National Commandant Johnny Baker

Subject: Southern Division Report 2022

Sir Commandant Baker, I have stood post as the National Vice Commandant, Southern Division for approximately one year. My annual report is being submitted to you for your review.

Since last August, there has been an increase in activity in the Southern Division. All three Departments have held their annual conference. In late April, the Department of Arkansas held their conference on May 6 & 7 in Little Rock. The conference was hosted by the Dale W. Langford Detachment 1323. Larry Wakefield of the Texarkana Detachment was elected and installed as Commandant. The Department of Oklahoma held their conference on June 11 & 12 in Norman, Oklahoma. The Detachment host was the Sooner Detachment 559. Danny Thomas of the Sooner Detachment was elected and installed as Commandant. The Department of Texas held their conference on June 24, 25 & 26 in McAllen, Texas. The conference host was the Rio Grande Detachment 1456. Patrick Murray of the Tarrant County Detachment was elected and installed as Commandant. All three conferences were well planned, organized and educational. All three were well attended. I want to congratulate all newly elected and appointed officers for their new leadership positions. I am confident that their leadership abilities will be a positive impact for their detachments.

My next statement of business is about detachment and department administrative responsibilities. I ask the newly elected and appointed officers to keep a good timely system in submitting Reports of Installation, IRS 990 submissions, Secretary of States Non-Profit submission, PLM'S, transmittals, and how a detachment and department meeting is conducted. I ask that Commandants have National and Detachment By Law's training at their quarterly meeting.

During the month of June, Southern Division submitted the name of Sean Sweeden, from the Department of TX as the candidate for the Division Marine for Life Coordinator.

All three Departments are very active each year with Toys for Tots. I have encouraged those detachments that do not have a Toys for Tots program, that they should be assisting those who do have a program. Each detachment should be working to form a detachment Toys for Tots Program if they do not have a program at the present time.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year. I have goals for department commandants that need to be met. The Southern Division membership needs growth. Membership retention and growth is important. There are areas in all three departments where detachments are needed. In October, the Department of Texas added the Sgt M.J. Marty Gonzalez detachment, #1485 to the rolls. Congratulations to the Department of Texas for this added detachment. Welcome aboard.

I am looking forward to the coming year. Thanks to Commandant Johnny Baker's leadership, the high spirited motivation of Chief Operating Officer Bob Borka and the Board of Trustees.

Semper Fi !

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