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

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2022 National Convention Report

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 Joe Hughes and Chief of Staff Dan Harrington have spent hours researching the status of each Department, and the status is included in this report.

An area of concern is membership retention. Coming out of the pandemic, members are not renewing. MWD staff 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 9 have filed 990N for the current tax year and 10 are current with Secretary of State (SOS). All detachments are in Good Standing with Secretary of State. The department roster dated 6/30/2022 reflects 375 PLM 197 Non-Life Paid and 115 Unpaid. 36% of non-life members are delinquent.

The Department of Kansas has 7 detachments and they maintain their own Department Roster and 6 detachments are current on Transmittal, ROI, 990N, LMA, Notice of Death and 7 are current with Secretary of State filings. The department roster dated 6/30/2022 reflects 205 PLM 131 Non-Life Paid and 40 Unpaid. 23% of non-life members are delinquent.
Department of Minnesota has 15 detachments and 13 are current on 990N filings, 2 detachments are revoked. 13 detachments have filed secretary of state’s not for profit annual report and are in good standing. The department roster dated 6/30/2022 reflects 402 PLM 174 Non-Life Paid and 101 Unpaid. 37% of non-life members are delinquent.

Department of Missouri has 20 detachments with 14 being current with tax year 990N filing and 2 file 990O. 3 detachments are not current and 2 are revoked. 15 detachments are in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State and 1 detachment was revoked by the State of Missouri for not filing. The department roster dated 6/30/2022 reflects 728 PLM 467 Non-Life Paid and 281 Unpaid. 38% of non-life members are delinquent.

Department of North Dakota has 3 active detachments. Detachment 1457 is inactive. 2 detachments have filed 990N and 1 files a 990O for the current tax year. The Department of North Dakota is revoked. I will ask the Board of Trustees (BOT) to suspend the Department for 90 days. All detachments are in good standing with Secretary of State. The department roster dated 6/30/2022 reflects 22 PLM 41 Non-Life Paid and 110 Unpaid. 73% of non-life members are delinquent.

Department of Nebraska has 7 detachments. 4 detachments have filed 990N for current tax year and 1 files a 990O. There are 7 detachments in good standing with the Secretary of State. The department roster dated 6/30/2022 reflects 112 PLM 107 Non-Life Paid and 145 Unpaid. 58% of non-life members are delinquent.

Department of South Dakota has 7 detachments. Detachment 851 has surrendered their charter. 6 detachments have filed 990N for the current 2020 tax year, 2 detachments are revoked. 6 detachments are in good standing with the Secretary of State and 1 is dissolved. The department roster dated 6/30/2022 reflects 160 PLM 124 Non-Life Paid and 48 Unpaid. 28% of non-life members are delinquent.

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 to ensure that they become current. The MWD has started the process to suspending revoked detachments for 90 days to gain good standing status or surrender their charters. MWD will provide assistance to all detachments to reach our goal of 100% in “Good Standing”.

The Midwest Division has voted to reduce the number Division Conference from two (2) conferences per year to 1 conference which will be held in the spring 2023. The rising cost of hotels and fuel is the driving force to make this change.

ADVC Joe Hughes will be sworn as Midwest Division NVC and Jim Maevers will be sworn as Midwest Division ADVC at the 2022 National Convention.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Midwest Division as NVC. Unfortunately, health issues will not allow me to continue as NVC. My wife and I will move full time to our home in the Gulf area of southern Alabama. This will allow me to fight my cancers, diabetes and other issues close to the beach and to become closer to my Savior.
Respectively submitted,

Semper Fidelis.

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