



National VAVS Representative
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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From: Michael W Miller
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To: National Commandant

Subject: Annual Report, Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS Rep)

Marines,

The following is information pertinent to the MCL Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) Representatives' activities and achievements for the period of 1 Jul 2021 – 30 June 2022.

1. VAVS Rep Assignment

- A. This will be my last year as the MCL National VAVS Rep. When, under normal requirements, the National Commandant requests resignations, and reappointment, I will resign and not request reassignment to the National Post.
- B. I will not attend the National Convention in Daytona Beach, FL. I will, if the National Commandant feels the time would be beneficial to the New National VAVS Rep, attend the Oklahoma City Convention in 2023.

2. Marine Corps League Participation:

- A. The Marine Corps League, for the last Federal FY (Oct 21 – Sep21) recorded 43,000 Regular and Occasional Volunteers in more than 100 VA Medical Facilities.
- B. In terms of volunteer hours, it is not surprising to see an increase since the VA has lifted many of the COVID restrictions for volunteers at VA Medical Facilities.
- C. MCL Detachments continued to support VA programs with monetary and non-monetary donations totaling over \$22,000. This number is an inaccurate picture as many local VAVS Reps still refuse to complete the AJR (Next).

2. Annual Joint Reviews

A. The Annual Joint Review (AJR) is the report compiled by each VAMC detailing the number of regular MCL volunteers, the hours they volunteer, and the monetary and non-monetary contributions made by the local MCL Dets.

B. Completion of this report is an assigned responsibility for each local VAVS Rep.

C. As identified in the previous paragraph, many VAVS Reps fail to complete this form. Of the more than **109 MCL VAVS Reps, only 34 have completed this year's AJR.** This is not a one-time omission, but a year-over-year and repeated inattention to VAVS Responsibilities; this despite many personal emails and phone calls to the local MCL VAVS Reps.

3. MCL Staffed Facilities with Noteworthy Contributions. Please take note of the following facilities and their reported contributions. Even with the restricted conditions, these detachments were exemplary in veteran support and mission accomplishment.

| State | Area | Number of Volunteers | Volunteer Hours | Monetary Donations | Non-Monetary Donations |
|-------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| GA | Augusta | 7 | 288 | \$1,800 | \$1,959 |
| IA | Des Moines | 3 | 1,761 | \$3,190 | \$1,700 |
| MI | Iron Mountain | 8 | 377 | \$250 | \$881 |
| NY | Canandaigua | 6 | 306 | \$1,187 | \$1,230 |
| PA | Coatesville | 3 | 150 | \$1,100 | \$4,700 |

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my responsibilities or about this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



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