



Marine Corps League Department of Rhode Island National Convention Report

To: National Commandant Johnny Baker
From: Patrick Maguire, Commandant, Department of Rhode Island
RE: Department Report for National Convention

The Department of Rhode Island was host to the New England Division Conference/Quad State Convention held in Warwick. The 12th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps, SgtMaj Overstreet was our guest speaker, and it was an honor to have him speak. He also enjoyed working with the Rhode Island Young Marines, Division One unit of the Year. Our guests enjoyed a great venue, food and good times with Marines and their significant others from all over New England.

Just over a month ago we started reviewing the Departments by laws and will make some changes/amendments to them. We realize that times have changed, and things should be reflected as such in the bylaws.

The Col. Higgins Det. 775 only had a few members who were around but didn't want any responsibility. I had a member from Kent County step up and take it over. It's a work in progress but it's coming along, and we will work hard to get the Detachment strong again.

Kent County Det. 453 has lost a few members over the last year, all aging out but has also gained a couple of members. The Det. has held a cornhole tournament recently, it wasn't as successful as they hoped but they learned a lot from it.

Bucci-Atwood Det. 376 is doing outstanding, the 2021 end of year roster had 26 total members with 20 voting. Moving onto the 2022 end of year roster with 43 total members with 36 voting. The Detachment Commandant has been recruiting intensely and the numbers are showing just that. They have had many fundraisers with a golf tournament scheduled in September.

Overall, the Department of Rhode Island is moving in the right direction, and I foresee it getting better and stronger with our veteran members as well as our newer members working together to accomplish the goals that the leadership has set in motion.

Semper Fidelis!

Respectfully Submitted,

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