



**NEW ENGLAND DIVISION  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

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Commandant Johnny Baker

It has been a busy year since we last met at Mid-Winter. While representing the Division, I have attended Ahern Foundation St. Patrick's Day Gala (which raised \$30k for the Fisher House Boston), wake for Capt. Ross Reynolds (Osprey Pilot killed in Norway), Modern Day Marine Expo, two regional JROTC competitions, three detachment's installations of Officers, Memorial ceremony for the Capt. Jennifer Harris (who was the pilot of the Purple Foxes of HMM-364 CH46 that was shot down on February 7, 2007 In Iraq. Capt. Jennifer Harris was flying a flag in Honor of HN Corpsman Gary Young who was one of six who was killed on February 7, 1969 when their Purple Fox HMM-364 helicopter was shot down in Vietnam), Gold star Wives National Convention Banquet, two successful Division Conventions, two Department Conventions, and sixteen zoom meetings.

To report on the Division's membership: the membership, just like most places, took a small lose this year. The New England Division membership is currently at 2,652 total paid members. We are down 29 members from this time last year. Our unpaid members sit at 513 compared to last year at 407. The unpaid membership is and will be a constant challenge. The Division's voting strength went from 2383 to 2375. So, to look at the big picture, we only dropped our voting strength by 8.

To report on the Division's IRS status: last year's goal was to strive for 100% compliance. We are not there yet, we have still some work to do but would like to report we went from 80% last year to 90% this year. Division has 6 Departments and 71 Detachments. Out of the 71 Detachments, 15 are not compliant with HQ because they are either not listed as a 501© 4 or

955. The Department Commandants are already working on cleaning up the ones who are not compliant with HQ.

The Division is in its building stage with 4 Department commandants on their second term, 1 returning past commandant and one newly elected. I believe the Division is in great hands and we will see progress grow to report back for the 2023 Mid-Winter Conference. The Department Commandants have not given up with the delinquent and revoked detachments with the IRS. Most of the detachments are working to get their paperwork organized. Unfortunately, the Department Commandants are going to have to suspend a few detachments to push for their charters to be turned in.

Would also like to report the Division is having a very successful News Letter published every two months. We are on our 6<sup>th</sup> edition. The New England Division would not be functioning so well if it was not for an outstanding and motivating Staff. The Division is trying to learn so we many do more for our communities. We will be setting goals to beat last year's numbers with Toys for Tots. The Division will be looking forward to working the Marine Reserves, Young Marines, and JROTC units to have a very successful T4T season. We will be looking forward to attending the 35<sup>th</sup> Boston Semper Fi Society's Birthday Luncheon with Guest of Honor, General Berger Commandant of the Marine Corps on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward in seeing everyone in Daytona, Florida!

Semper Fi

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