



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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2022 has been a challenging year for the Detachments. Resuming a normal post pandemic has been their focus. Getting annual members to renew and re-engage with detachment activities has been a difficult task. This trend is mirrored with other organizations and even churches. The good news is that the detachment officers are doing all they can to get members back. The scope of this report covers August 2022 – January 2023. I must apologize for the lack of details from the Detachments. I missed the requirement of a Mid-Winter report, so my request for input just went out to the Detachments. As a result, they weren't given sufficient time to respond with a detailed report.

The following Detachments within the Department of Oregon reported performing / attending Funerals or Color Details.

Det.	FUNERALS	COLORS
373	35	2
374	NA	NA
386	NA	NA
470	175	2
578	NA	NA
917	NA	NA
1042	NA	NA
1228	10	NA
1308	NA	NA
1481	NA	NA
Total	347	15

The following table breaks out the numbers for Community Service and the Toys for Tots statistics for the Detachments reporting.

Det.	Hrs	Kids	Toys	Dollars
373	3686	4,096	6,882	\$11,715
374	3000	NA	535	0
386	NA	NA	NA	NA
470	NA	5,519	11,038	\$420.00
578	NA	NA	NA	NA
917	NA	NA	NA	NA
1042	NA	NA	NA	NA
1228	5,786	542	3,270	\$820.00
1308	NA	NA	NA	NA
1481	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	8,265	6,922	21,384	\$17,366

The following data is in reference to ‘The Marine for Life’ program.

The difficulty with the IRR list is the fact that there are no physical addresses where letters can be sent. Attempting to contact individuals from the phone numbers and emails provided is not yielding any positive results.

Det.	M4L
373	21
374	0
386	NA
470	2
578	NA
917	NA
1042	NA
1228	2
1308	NA
1481	NA
Total	0

Other notes of interest:

Det.	NOTES:
373	<p>We have participated in many community events, including. Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Father’s Day BBQ at Collier Park, Rock Point Fire Department BBQ, Klamath Falls 3rd Thursday Street BBQ, Snowflake Parade, Orphan’s Meals, Iron Owl Challenge, Kingsley Field Sentry Eagle Open House, Klamath Films ‘Veterans of Klamath’ event. We host monthly dinners at the Leatherneck Club. These dinners serve to raise funds for the Scholarship program and other community needs.</p> <p>Having a Leatherneck Club offers many opportunities for Detachment members to work on improvements, such as patio improvement and history displays.</p> <p>Scholarships –2022 we awarded a \$1,000.00 and two \$500.00 Scholarships. We have recently kicked off our 2023 Scholarship Campaign. We will be awarding a \$1,500.00, \$1,000.00, and \$500.00 Scholarship.</p> <p>The Detachment Chaplain and Department Commandant was elected as the VFW/MCL Joint Honor Guard Captain.</p> <p>We will be hosting the 2023 MCL Department of Oregon Summer Convention and MODD Pack of Oregon Grand Growl.</p>
374	<p>All toys collected for Toys for Tots are given to a central charity service provider who consolidates collections from several collecting agencies and then distributes the to needy children. We are not informed of numbers of children receiving support.</p> <p>We continue to have issues with gaining new membership. The Detachment is losing “old” members slowly. Our detachment meeting are being held, but participation is low and it is becoming difficult to even get a quorum at meetings.</p>
386	<p>The staff has been steady and faithful. The Dress Blues Team is awesome, and most are staff members. We have an active newsletter keeping folks up to date. Issues that need to be voted on by the members are handled through email with very good response.</p>
470	<p>Chaplain Gary Brannan received the “Meritorious Public Service Award” from the Department of the Navy. It was presented by Brigadier General William E Souza III CG Marine Corps Forces Reserve.</p>
578	NA
917	NA

1042	We continue to support children 14 years old and younger through our 'Kids Fish Free' program. Through community donations we have been able to provide free Rods and Reels to children throughout the community during Christmas. Often, over 500 children and their families show up for the distribution of the Rods and Reels. This is one of the programs that resulted in the turn around for surrendering our charter to staying active so we can serve our community.
1228	NA
1308	We were able to host the 2022 MCL Department of Oregon Summer Convention and MODD Oregon Pack Grand Growl. Due to COVID and high gas prices, attendance was low as was expected.
1481	NA
Dept.	<p>The 2022 Mid-Winter meeting held in October went back to a pre-COVID format. The change was well received by the membership, so Department meetings will be a three-day event with the Grand Growl on the third day. Communications with a couple of Detachments continues to be an issue. I continue to reach out to the Departments with the hope they will engage when they are ready.</p> <p>For several years there has been a lack of Department level awards being given out. I hope to change this at our next Summer Convention. I have solicited nominations for six Department Level Awards. I have also encouraged that the Detachments are recognizing their members with Detachment awards.</p>

The following table represents the Detachments strength report. Some of the Detachments have stated that the membership numbers in the National Database do not match local records. This especially affects the amount of Pd and Unpd members where the Detachment records show more members paid than reflected in the national roster. In addition, changes due to Death Notices are slow in being processed and reflected in the roster.

Det.	PLM	Pd	UnPd
373	94	72	58
374	26	6	3
386	32	29	9
470	38	24	2
578	28	5	0

917	18	14	2
1042	6	7	1
1228	27	1	0
1308	25	1	2
1481	3	32	0
TTL	297	191	77

Respectfully Submitted,
Semper Fidelis

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