



To: Johnny Baker, National Commandant
From: Jim Loorya, National Vice Commandant South West Division
Subject: 2023 Mid-Winter Conference Report

Sir Commandant,

Below represents accomplishments/activities for each Department within the Southwest Division during the timeframe since the 2022 Convention. It also represents activities/significant events that have either occurred or will happen in the near future:

Southwest Division

- 1) Website - The SW Division has completed the initial work on its website. It will continue to be developed and grow throughout 2023. The URL is <https://www.mclswdivision.org/>
- 2) Zoom - The Division has set up a Zoom account and will have periodic staff meetings in that environment.
- 3) Letter of Intent for 2024 MCL Convention
Letters of Intent to host the 2024 MCL National Convention have been submitted to Jim Ransom. These letters were submitted by the following SW Division Departments: Arizona, California and Nevada.
- 4) Preparing Div Conf - Borka to attend - Preparation and planning for the May 5/6 2023, SW Division Conference is well under way. We have signed a contract with the Orleans Hotel and casino in Las Vegas. The meeting is to include a series of training sessions and a Division Growl on Friday 5 May at 1800 at the Leatherneck Club in downtown Las Vegas. The Agenda and further planning are in the process of being developed. It is anticipated that MCL COO Bob Borka will be in attendance and provide training in a number of MCL related areas.
- 5) Dept NV - Reno - Convention - Borka/Baker to attend - The Department of Nevada is planning their annual Department Convention in Reno, Nevada. It will be held at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino on April 13-16, 202. The agenda is being developed and will include training sessions by COO Borka and the election of Department officers for the upcoming term of office.
- 6) On a sadder note: Virginia McDougall, PNCDD 31, passed away recently. Funeral pending
It is with great sorrow that I inform you of 31st PCDD's recent (Approx Feb. 1, 2023) passing.
Virginia was the first woman to serve as CDD and served from 1973-1975 (47 years ago)
No other details at this time. Her family is planning a burial at either Riverside or Miramar (San Diego) National Cemeteries. Virginia served as California Department Paymaster for about 25 years ending in 2015.
She also served as the SW Division (AZ, CA, NV, HI) National Vice Commandant
- 7) AZ 50th anniversary - Coin and Ribbon - Borka and Baker were there. Oct 2022. In October of 2022, the Department celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The ceremonies included the presentation of Anniversary challenge coins and MCL Anniversary award ribbons for each attendee. The meeting included training sessions with both training and award presentations by Commandant Baker and additional training by MCL COO Borka.
- 8) Department of California is Planning their annual Convention for June 2023 in San Diego California. More info as planning is formalized.
- 9) Department ROIs available upon request.

10) Most Detachments formally celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday in early to mid-November. The Las Vegas Detachment held its celebration at the Orleans Hotel and Casino and had approximately 1,100 Marines and supporters in attendance.

Department of Arizona

1) Meetings: Past, Current, and Future

What: 50th Anniversary Conference in October; Spring Conference in March 2023; June 2023 Convention

When: 50th Anniversary October 22- 23, 2022, Spring Conference March 3-4, 2023, Convention June 2-3, 2023

Where: Verde Valley, AZ; Sierra Vista, AZ; Surprise, AZ

2) Department ROI: June 2022

3) Significant Activities:

Funeral Honors performed between January 1st and December 31st. 46

Community Service Hours our Detachments performed between January 1st and December 31st (examples: Toys 4 Tots, Scouting, Young Marines, Funeral Honors, Parades, etc.). 25,000 Hours
Toys 4 Tots

How many children our Detachments helped in the past Toys 4 Tots season? 15,000

How many toys have been collected our Detachments in the past Toys 4 Tots season?
25,000

Monies were collected in donations for Toys 4 Tots in the past season. \$35,000

Transitioning Marines

How many Marines, FMF Corpsman, and FMF Chaplains and their families have been assisted between January 1st and December 31st? (This includes Marine 4 Life events,

Rose Program, general assistance 35

4) Other Notes of Interest:

Many Detachments working on a Vietnam Veterans Day 50th anniversary events across the State.

One Detachment is honoring First responders every year and this year honored one with a Lifetime Achievement Award for over 40 years of service to our Country, in the Marines, ANG, and in Law Enforcement.

Four (4) Detachments are actively involved in supporting the Young Marine Program through volunteer time and financial support.

Four (4) detachments do not support the T4T program but have programs in their area that they support.

Department of California

1) Meetings: Past, Current, and Future

What: Department Annual Convention

When: June 2023

Where: San Diego, CA

2) Department ROI: June 2022

3) Significant Activities:

I submit to you the Department Semi Annual / Mid Winter Report as requested. I would like you to note that it contains partially completed information. The reason for that is the department received from COO Bob Borka the Detachment Annual Report on January 20,2023. I provided the detachments ample time to return the completed reports to the department by the end of March 2023.

However, I took the liberty to include some additional information of interest that you might consider in your report:

Currently 49 Detachments. 2,382 paid members with 1,585 PLM

Currently, none of the detachments are delinquent with IRS. A few are borderline. Will keep tabs on them.

Young Marines- 26 units. Many supported by MCL detachments, active and retired marines in leadership roles.

T4T - MCL Detachments are heavily involved with the leadership and support of the popular program.

I will have a more thorough report to present at the Division Conference in Vegas.

Department of Nevada

1) Meetings: Past, Current, and Future

What: Department Annual Convention

When: April 13 -16

Where: Reno, Nevada at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino

2) Department ROI: May 2022

3) Significant Activities:

Funeral Honors performed between January 1st and December 31st. 31

Community Service Hours our Detachments performed between January 1st and December 31st (examples: Toys 4 Tots, Scouting, Young Marines, Funeral Honors, Parades, etc.). 2,000 Hours

Toys 4 Tots

How many children our Detachments helped in the past Toys 4 Tots season? 900

How many toys have been collected our Detachments in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

1,400 Plus an unreported amount (reported to TFT National Foundation by Pahrump Det. 1199)

Monies were collected in donations for Toys 4 Tots in the past season. Not reported/none

Transitioning Marines

How many Marines, FMF Corpsman, and FMF Chaplains and their

families have been assisted between January 1st and December 31st? (This includes Marine 4 Life events, Rose Program, general assistance) 2

4) Other Notes of Interest

Pahrump 1199 changed the name of its Detachment to Abbey Gate 13 Detachment 1199

HIGH DESERT DETACHMENT

The active supporting of patriotic events and community events including: Color Guard participation at the Armed Forces parade, Hawthorne, NV; Jim Butler Day, Tonopah, NV; 4 th of July Parade, Fallon, NV; Labor Day Parade.

The Detachment organizes the Toys for Tots campaign that reaches a wide area of Nevada including Elko and Ely.

Member Chris Hansberry generously uses his collection of USMC trucks and vehicles during the year to support the MCL, Toys for Tots events and parades.

BATTLE BORN DETACHMENT

The Battle Born Detachment is the host detachment for the 2023 Department Convention, April 14-15, 2023.

The members have been actively recruiting new MCL and Axillary members. Member, Josh

Hall, is the Toys for Tots coordinator for Washoe County area Member, Susan Malone, serves on the Independent Advisory Board, Northern Nevada State Veterans Home.

The Detachment held a Marine Corps Birthday dinner at Famous Dave's Restaurant with over 50 members, friends, spouses attending.

The Detachment participated in the Reno Veteran's Day Parade.

The Governor of Nevada just selected members George and Susan Malone as the State of Nevada Veteran of the Month and they will receive their awards from the Governor at the Veteran and Military Appreciation Day at the State Capital on March 15, 2023.

SILVER STATE DETACHMENT

The Detachment continues to meet and recover from the COVID hiatus by participating in the local Toys for Tots campaign in the Carson City area. They represented the local citizens at the Indian Cemetery and the Nevada Day Parade.

Greater Nevada Detachment 186's accomplishments for 2022 include:

1. Total new members - 18
2. Toys for Tots:
 - Marine Riders toys 4 tots: collected approx. 1000 toys. Assisted over 200 families. 10 MCL members present
 - 23rd Marines toys 4 tots: 8 boxes of toys were collected which assisted over 500 families while distributing toys, 8 MCL members were present/assisted
3. 20th Annual Birthday Ball
 - Hosting 1,104 attendees. Every branch of service is represented from all most every state and a few from other countries
4. Memorial Day event at Veterans cemetery: Placed over 1500 flags on Marine graves. - 8 Marines from the Detachment volunteered
5. Veterans Day at Veterans cemetery: Placed and removal of over 3000 flags - 10 members present
6. Nov 10 flag placement at Veterans cemetery: Placed over 1500 flags on Marine graves - 8 members present
7. 3 Unescorted vet funerals at Veterans cemetery - 4 members present
8. July 4th Annual Summerlin parade - 12 members present
9. Funeral conducted: 27 - 4 members present - No honor detail

Black Mountain Detachment #495 Accomplishments in 2022

1. Donated monies to the following activities:
 - Devil Pups, Marine Vets at the Veterans Home, Department Scholarship Fund and a Detachment scholarship recipient
2. Held one Rose sale = \$403
3. Held annual Veterans' Home visits with a cake cutting on 10 November.
4. Decorated 1,900+ Marine graves at Boulder Veterans' Cemetery on 9/10 November.
5. Added ten new members:
6. Bought and delivered \$1000 of toys for Toys 4 Tots for ages 0-2 as requested by NCOIC.
7. Procured 2,000 more flags for the Vets Cemetery.

Abbey Gate 13 Detachment 1199

- 1) Held its annual election of officers at our October Meeting
- 2) Detachment participated at one Funeral by folding the Flag for a deceased member,
- 3) The Detachment held a Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at the meeting on November 10th.
- 4) The Detachment participated in Veterans Day Ceremony and held a flag dedication Ceremony on the same day.