

# DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS ANNUAL REPORT



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## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

The Dept's area of responsibility consists of 254 Counties, 9 Districts, and 50 Dets

## **HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS FOR AT RISK MEMBERS**

Our Detachments have set up phone and email groups to check on at risk members to see if they were doing good and if they needed food and supplies to minimizing them from having to venture out into Public. Detachment Leadership Teams continue to report results to Department in keeping our at-risk members safe. Our Det must prepared to help our members in need of life support supplies to make it through the tough times.

## **DETACHMENT HEALTH**

During the year, we gained one new Detachment, lost none, resulting with a total of 50 Detachments. We have two Fire Teams in the Development Phase with their prospect.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The Dept currently has 1386 Paid-up Life Members, 847 paid members, a voting strength of 1873, and a total strength of 1790 Members. For the last two year, we had members leave for a variety of reasons in addition to the Pandemic. As a result, some renewed their membership but due to the two-year limit, many were dropped this year resulting with a loss of 606 members. However, due to the efforts of the Detachments, they were able to counter some of the loss by incorporating a Recruiting Plans into many of their Activity Events resulting in slow gains with renewals and new Members.

## **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

Detachments continued to increase participation in their communities. Some programs are far behind with only 25 reporting participation. Although the Detachments has not fully engaged to 100%, the Department had an increase in toy collections, money raised, and distributed. One detachment after two-years, finally dedicate their Korean War Monument in Galveston, County. Wreaths Across America events totaled 9. Several Detachments re-established and continued their fund-raising plans.

Here are some of the major accomplishments: Memorial support and Funeral Events: 946; Parades: 76; Toys For Tots: Toys Collected 43,257, Books collected 1624, Donations collected \$15,611, and Children helped 17,387; Young Marine Events 55; Eagle Scouts 31; Transition Marine, M4L Assistance, VA Supt: Direct Contacts 3,327; Total Donations \$42,000 and Total Scholarships \$94,000. Volunteer Hours: 32,721 hours

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For more details, please refer to Activity and Event Data below.

## **EXAMPLES OF MAJOR EVENTS SUPPORTED AND PARTICIPATED BY DETACHMENTS**

1. Partnered with a USMCR Unit, involved with supporting 4 major theme related seasonal events in their county, and provides a Bulger Detail to play Taps each evening in different parts of the City of Galveston.
2. Partnered with 5 other USMCR Units.
3. Partnered with God's Garage who takes repairable used cars and puts them in top condition to give them free with title to Spouses whose husband died in combat or noncombat reasons.
4. Partners with the foundation called Wheelchairs 4 Kids.
5. Partners with Paris Harley-Davidson and a second dealership Paris Kawasaki.
6. Sponsored BSA Troop 554.
7. Supports an annual 5K Run in Waco.
8. Supports the Alamo Marathon in San Antonio.
9. Distributes toys at the "Christmas in the Park" and Ronald McDonald House.
10. Supports families in the CASA Program in Bastrop.
11. Partnered with various Recruiting Stations to provide support at Poole Events.
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## **ROAD AHEAD FOR 2023-2024**

Since July, the Department has had discussions with potential hosts to identify the Tarrant County Det 731 to host the 2025 National Convention. The Tarrant County Detachment passed a motion to submit a Proposal to Bid and then a Resolution to Host the 2025 National Convention in the City of Arlington, Tx. During the 2023 National Convention in Ok City, Ok, Tarrant County will introduce to the Delegates the Formal Presentation to Host for their consideration and final decision.

## **ACTIVITY AND EVENT DATA**

The following data points were collected from the National MCL Form "Detachment Commandant Annual Report", the National MCL "Toys for Tots After Action Report", and the Department of Texas Detachment Activity Report.

The Det Activity Report Program is unique to Texas. It is a record of their Community Service Activities and Events information. Once submitted, the Dept Sr Vice will sort and record the events by categories. The majority of data information listed below was retrieved from the Detachment Activity Reports. The Department is working hard to increase participation from 50%

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to 80% in this voluntary program. A new Program Guide was written to provide instructions and step-by-step procedures to participate.

1. Memorial Support and Funeral Events:
  - a. Memorial and Family support: 117
  - b. Funeral Attended: 345
  - c. Funeral Honor Guard Support: 314
  - d. Funeral Honors Bulger Support: 270
  - e. Total 946 events
2. Color Guard Events: 41
3. Special Events:
  - a. 752 events attended by members of the Detachments.
  - b. 6 Golf Tournaments
4. Parades:
  - a. Participated in 56
  - b. Three Detachments used military vehicles in the Parades
5. Shooting Teams: 4 Dets
6. MC Birthday/Ball Events: 34
7. MARFORES USMCR Support:
  - a. Det 315 Alamo: 4th Recon
  - b. Det 323 Dean Hawkins: Btry D, 2nd Bn 14th Mar and Ft Bliss Toy Program
  - c. Det 668 Galveston: Charlie Company, 4th AAV Bn
  - d. Det 975 Heart of Texas: CLB 453 Maint Co
  - e. Det 1249 Louis W. Qualls: CLB 453 Maint Co
  - f. Det 1384 Lost Pines Leathernecks: Wpns Co, 1sr Bn, 23rd Mar
  - g. Det 1485 Sgt Gonzales: H & S Co, 1st Bn 23rd Mar
8. Toys for Tots
  - a. Local Community Organization Registered with T4T: 1 Det
  - b. Toys Collected: 43,257
  - c. Books Collected: 1624
  - d. Donations Collected: \$15,611
  - e. Children Helped: 17,387
9. Young Marines: 55 Events
10. NJROTC Supported by 3 Detachments
11. Eagle Scout Program: 31

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12. Recruitment: 121 New Members
13. Community Committee Participation (Non-MCL Related): 118
14. Transition Marine, M4L Assistance, VA Supt: Direct Contacts
15. Donations and Scholarships
  - a. Donations
    - i. VA Support: \$10,000
    - ii. Assorted Non-Profits and Programs: \$32,000
    - iii. Total Donations: \$42,000
  - b. Scholarship Programs
    - i. Cam Posey: \$6,900 (Dept of Tx Scholarship Program)
    - ii. Young Marines: \$3,600.
    - iii. NJROTC: \$31,2000.
    - iv. MCL Foundations: \$8,000.
    - v. General Scholarships: \$45,000.
    - vi. Total Scholarships: \$94.000
16. Volunteer Hours: 32,721 hours

Any questions, please contact me at [commandant@txmcl.org](mailto:commandant@txmcl.org).

Respectfully Submitted,

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