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To: Johnny Baker, National Commandant and CEO
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Sir Commandant,

Operations in the Central Division are proceeding fine. We all struggle with the same issues across the board, which is membership; both recruitment and retention. This has been discussed at length and continues to be a main focus.

The Department of Ohio accepted and approved their new Bylaws, and have since received their Charter from suspension. PDC Smith, who is now the Department Judge Advocate, continues to work tirelessly to ensure all the Detachments maintain their compliant status. He is also working on all the MODD Pounds.

All Departments within the Central Division have had their Department Conventions, and all ROI's have been submitted. I was able to attend 4 of the Conventions; ADVC Englert attended the other 2 in my stead. We have new Department Commandants in all but 1 the Departments, and all appear to be jumping right in and continuing the mission.

Our 2024 Central Division Conference is tentatively scheduled for April 4-7 in Kalamazoo, MI. They are working on the final details with the hotel, and the information will be announced as soon as we have it.

I know that every Detachment and each Department is working hard and diligently to grow and maintain their memberships, as well as being active in their respective communities.

Our goals are to continue to grow and maintain our retention. We are looking at ways to reach the younger Marines and prospective members. We will also ensure compliance with all policies and regulations, and continue to keep the lines of communication open on all ends.

It has been an honor to serve, and I hope to continue the growth and direction of my predecessor.

Semper Fidelis,

Michael Sturch

“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”