

To: Johnny Baker, National Commandant
 From: Jim Loorya, Southwest Division, National Vice Commandant
 Subject: Southwest Division Annual Report

Sir Commandant Baker,

Since the MCL Midwinter Conference, I have attended Three Division/Department Conventions, Conducted one Division Conference and attended Modern Day Marine. At each of my Departments' conventions, Quorum was met, new Officers elected and training conducted. The Department functions are summarized:

Department of Arizona

The Southwest Division Department of Arizona met in Tucson, AZ to conduct its two day Department convention. The date of the convention was June 2-3, 2023 and its purpose was to conduct the business of the department, elect and install officers for the Department's next fiscal year. The first day of the convention was to conduct Department Committee and/or Department Staff Meetings. The second day was to conduct the business portion of the convention and to nominate, elect and swear in the team of new officers and the new BOT.

The Department began the first day with the following committee meetings: Department BOT, Commandants Council, Aide-de-Camp Training, Detachment Commandants Meeting, review list of Pups for advancement and discussion of Pack of Az Growl. At the conclusion of the day, a MODD Growl was held where new officers were elected and sworn in.

The second day consisted of standard MCL business functions with a roll call of officers where it was determined that the Department contained a Quorum according to its Department bylaws. The Dignitaries at the Convention included Jim Loorya and several Past Department Commandants including Past NVC Pat Connell. The Business topics included: The upcoming National Convention, 100th anniv. ribbon and challenge coin, upcoming national bylaws changes submitted for approval, further discussion about the need for current/updated bylaws at the Department/Detachment levels after the national convention was held, life membership dues increasing on 1 July 2023, national Website and the new MCL App recently released.

Prior to the conclusion of the standard business topics, nominations were held for office. Since no office had more than one candidate for office, a single vote was cast by the Department adjutant and the respective candidates became the elected officer. The new officers were sworn in by Jim Loorya, Division NVC. The results of their election included:

Office	Name
Commandant	Roger K. Smith
Sr. Vice Commandant	David Lott
Jr. Vice Commandant	Mike Noble
Judge Advocate	Frank Alger
Jr. Past Commandant	Patrick Connell

Dept Website URL: www.deptazmcl.org

An additional point of note: The Department of Arizona had a case of Stolen Valor that they were working with in the early portion of July 2023. This was resolved with the results submitted to the National Commandant for appropriate action.

Department of California

The Southwest Division Department of California met in San Diego, California to conduct its three day Department convention. The date of the convention was June 8, 9 and 10, 2023 and its purpose was to conduct the business of the department, elect and install officers for the Department's next fiscal year. The first day of the convention was to conduct Department BOT and Staff Meetings. The second day was to go on a tour and to observe a MCRD San Diego Graduation ceremony and to conduct the business portion of the convention. The third day was to conclude the business of the convention and including: nominate, elect and swear in the team of new officers and the new BOT.

The Department began the first day with the following committee meetings: Department Staff Meeting and Department Trustees meeting (by invitation only). At the conclusion of the day, a MODD Growl was held.

The second day consisted of: Tour of MCRD San Diego in the AM and standard MCL business functions in the PM with a roll call of officers where it was determined that the Department contained a Quorum according to its Department Bylaws. The Dignitaries at the Convention included Bob Borka and Jim Loorya and several Past Department Commandants. The Business topics included: The upcoming National Convention, 100th anniv. ribbon and challenge coin, H.Q. USPS mail situation, discussion about the need for current/updated bylaws , life membership dues increasing on 1 July 2023, national Website, the new MCL APP and training for Officers. Additionally, Jim Loorya introduced the Southwest Division Officers who were in attendance.

The third day consisted of wrapping up Department business and the nomination/election of new officers. This was concluded with a banquet Saturday night which included a Change of Command Ceremony.

Prior to the conclusion of the standard business topics, nominations were held for office. If no office had more than one candidate for office, a single vote was cast by the Department adjutant and the candidate became the elected officer. This occurred in California as even though a second party was nominated off the floor to run for Jr. Vice Commandant. Since their bylaws require the candidate to be present and Max Hartley wasn't present, it was determined that he was not eligible to run. The results of their election included:

Office	Name
Commandant	Todd Rehfuss
Sr. Vice Commandant	Ivania Munguia
Jr. Vice Commandant	Antonio Chapa
Judge Advocate	John Kagy
Jr. Past Commandant	Juan Pascacio

Dept Website URL: www.mclcal.org
(outdated)

Department of Nevada

The Southwest Division Department of Nevada met in Reno, Nevada to conduct its two day Department convention. The date of the convention was April 14-15, 2023 and its purpose was to conduct the business of the department, elect and install officers for the Department's next fiscal year. The first day of the convention was to conduct Department Officer Staff Meetings. The second day was to conduct the business portion of the convention and to nominate, elect and swear in the team of new officers and the new BOT.

The Department began the first day with the Officers Staff Meeting to go over the conduct of business for the Convention and to review the Agenda for the next day's meeting. At the conclusion of the day, a MODD Growl was held.

The second day consisted of standard MCL business functions with a roll call of officers where it was determined that the Department contained a Quorum according to its Department bylaws. The Dignitaries at the Convention included Bob Borka and Jim Loorya and the Business topics included: The upcoming National Convention, 100th anniv. ribbon and challenge coin, H.Q. USPS mail situation, discussion about the need for current/updated bylaws , life membership dues increasing on 1 July 2023, national Website and training for Officers. Lunch meeting included a guest speaker from the Nevada Disabled Veterans Service Director, Fred Wagar.

Upon Conclusion of lunch, Awards were presented by the Department Commandant, Dan O'Connell. Additionally a guest Marine, Jayson Frye, was introduced to the group and presented with a gift of services and cash to repair his home and property that was devastated during the Winter storms in the general Reno Area.

Prior to the conclusion of the standard business topics, nominations were held for office. Since there was no office that had more than one candidate for office, a single vote was cast by the Department adjutant and the respective candidates became the elected officers. Paul Bowen then swore in the new officers and the results of their election included:

Office	Name
Commandant	Susan R. Malone
Sr. Vice Commandant	Chris Hansberry
Jr. Vice Commandant	Troy Carroll
Judge Advocate	Norman Allen
Jr. Past Commandant	Daniel O'Connell

Dept Website URL: www.departmentofnevadamcl.org

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was determined that the 2024 convention would be hosted by the Nevada Detachment located in Henderson, NV.

Southwest Division Conference - www.mclswdivision.org

The regular meeting of the Southwest Division Marine Corps League was called to order at 0930 on May 6, 2023, by Jim Loorya, National Southwest Division National Vice Commandant at The Orleans Hotel and Casino located at 4500 W Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89103. A roll call of officers where it was determined that the meeting contained a Quorum according to National Bylaws.

Dignitaries included: National MCL Commandant Johnny Baker, Chief Devil Dog Alan Sanning, National AUX Vice President Dottie Sanning, SWD VNP for Nat. Aux. Forsell, YM Regt Commander 2nd CA Regiment Jose Escarsega and Department Commandants: Department of Arizona – Roger Smith, Department of California –Juan Pascacio, Department of Nevada – Susan Malone and finally Aaron Bazan as the National Vice Chief Devil Dog.

The day consisted of training provided by Johnny Baker (Various national topics), Aaron Bazan (MCL Uniform Training) and Troy Carroll (VA info). At about noon we recessed for lunch. At the reconvene, National awards were presented to the officer team in attendance. This was followed up by various individual awards presented to Wes Edmunson (Distinguished Citizen Award- Bronze) and to Lynnoi McCormick (Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver). The formalities of the day were concluded by the MOY Committee presenting the final awards to the First SW Division AOY award to: Associate Lori Byrne Department of Arizona and the MOY to Lynnoi McCormick Department of Nevada.

In finalizing, for the good of the league, Todd Rehfuss asked for help for the National Convention for 2024 being held in Palm Springs in August of 2024. They are looking for anyone that wants to volunteer.