

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

To: Warren Griffin, National Commandant, MCL
Michael Sturch, NVC, Central Zone, MCL
From: Ray Rayl, Commandant, Department of Michigan
Subject: State of the Department of Michigan

Sir Commandants;

Since being elected to the Department Commandant position, I have had to fill numerous positions on the Department Staff Roster due to illness and other personal reasons. The Foundation Director was forced to step down due to illness and was replaced. The Scholarship Chairman position has been filled and also the position of the Foundation Treasurer. In addition, the VAVS Director had to step down also due to illness. I am currently waiting on a prospect to fill that position. A position on the Time & Place Committee was open due to a death and was replaced. Also, I had to replace one of the eight Zone Vice Commandants due to illness.

Currently, the Department has 32 detachments in the state of Michigan. Of these, there are eight that have failed to file their IRS 990, one detachment being revoked. In addition, five detachments have not filed their State LARA Corporate Report, with two detachments being revoked. Washtenaw Detachment has been revoked both due to not filing their 990 and also the State LARA Corporate Report. This has been on-going prior to our convention in 2023. We will be meeting with this and other detachments after the Nat'l Mid-Winter Rally in Arlington to remedy the situations.

Fund Raiser

Our Department Car Raffle is not going as expected. As of Christmas we have sold a grand total of 1,332 out of 10,000 tickets. We have raised a total of \$26,640.00. If we paid out all prizes today, we could subtract \$19,820.00 in prize money. That would leave us a total of \$6,820.00 left over minus all expenses to date which total currently \$844.95, for a total profit of \$5975.05. A failure as far as what we could have made during this time. 6200 tickets have been distributed to 32 individuals; approximately 17 have not returned any tickets whatsoever. So, 15 Marines or associates have done the sales to date. My observation is that most of the individuals that took the tickets at the Summer Convention did not distribute them to the membership as expected.

Membership

Paid membership is at 1617 members and unpaid members dropped significantly to 204.

Birthday Ball

The Marine Corps Birthday was celebrated in grand style at most detachments, and the Spirit de Corps is alive and well in the state of Michigan.

Webmaster

Our Department Webmaster is doing an exceptional job keeping the website updated as much as possible.

Central Division Conference

The Department of Michigan, Department Auxiliary and the Kalamazoo Detachment # 879 have been working hard at planning the Central Division Conference at the Delta Hotels and Conference Center in Kalamazoo, MI. We feel that this event will be enjoyed by all attending and everyone will have an educational and relaxing weekend. The venue is very beautiful and the staff has done a great job to ensure everyone will enjoy the weekend. See you all on April 4 – 6, 2024.
Semper Fi and Respectfully Submitted

Raymond Rayl

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