



### **National Vice Commandant, NW Division Report 02/20/2024**

***Department Meetings:*** All four Departments have scheduled their respective annual conventions for 2024 and will be hosting election at that time.

**Idaho;** May 3 & 4 in Coeur d'Alene

**Montana;** May 17 & 18 in Billings MT. Bob Borka to attend

**Oregon;** April 26 & 27 in Bend

**Washington;** June 7 & 8 in Yakima

All four are currently holding their respective Spring conferences.

***Color Guards/ Honor Guards:*** The number of Color Guards and Honor Guards in action is both humbling and a little alarming because of the rate we are losing members. I am happy to state almost every Detachment is willing to be part of the final send off for fellow Marines and members.

***Membership:*** Adding members is a challenge we all face. I appreciate the efforts of the NW to engage our members and get them involved in Detachment activities. Recruiting is high on our list and we are gaining new members. In addition, retaining members had become a top priority with focus on getting our existing members current in dues.

***Awards:*** There is a push on to receive nominations for awards amongst our members, and rightfully so. We have the opportunity to recognize the efforts of our membership. All four Departments have Department awards and are encouraging Detachments to do the same.

***Mid-Winter:*** Mid-Winter Conference is moving to DC. Feb 22-24. I will be attending.

***Toys for Tots:*** The Toys for Tots effort continue to grow. Most Detachments are very active in one form or another with a few Detachments reporting record years for collections and recipients.

**Respectfully Submitted**

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