



Office of the National Vice Commandant Northeast Division Marine Corps League

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MIDWINTER REPORT/NORTHEAST DIVISION

The Northeast Division serves three of the largest Departments in the Marine Corps League, with one hundred and fifty-five detachments within the states of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. To date, the overall membership strength has decreased by an average of 2.3% from the end of FY 2022-2023. Despite our down, our total strength remains a compelling 93.01%. This is up 0.98% from last year whereas we were at 92.03%, giving the Division a positive growth rate for two consecutive years due to the diligence of the Department Paymaster and staff working together to bring the membership into good standing. At the present time, the Division membership is 10,852 with 9,971 members in good standing.

Over the past year, the Division has had some disappointment regarding the surrendering of charters. New Jersey lost Jersey Shore Leathernecks Detachment, New York lost Hanson Brothers and North Shore Queens and Pennsylvania lost Black Diamond Detachment. All members of the Detachments that were in good standing have been transferred in accordance with procedures. Moreover, we are experiencing deaths at an alarming rate. The Division reports having lost one hundred eighty-three (183) members from the League side and four (4) from the Auxiliary.

Our midyear status for Honor Guard Funeral Services performed is 31, by the Department of New Jersey. No information has been received to date regarding the Departments of New York or Pennsylvania. The Eagle Scout Program in the Division has provided awards for a total of 29 as reported by the Department of NJ. No Scouting Awards have been reported as being presented by the Departments of New York or Pennsylvania.

PLM Reports have been submitted, with only one Department having 100%, that was the Department of New Jersey. The Department of New York has reported that 92% of their PLMs were completed by the deadline of 31 December 2023. No information has been provided by the Department of Pennsylvania.

Compliance with 990's is still ongoing. New Jersey and New York both indicate that they each have eight detachments who are not in compliance whereas they have lost their Tax Exempt

Status. With the IRS shut down, there is an understanding that some of this information may be inaccurate.

The Departments are continuing pace with their ROIs and installations.

One member has resigned with prejudice due to malfeasance of duty. Arrangements are being made by the Department regarding reparation.

The Division Conference is set to take place on April 12/13, 2024, and will be held in New Jersey again due to the change in Division leadership. On the matter of change of leadership, the elected Northeast Division Vice Commandant has tendered his resignation. The Board of trustees has made their recommendation, and the National Commandant has appointed PDC Robert C. Ziltz from the Department of Pennsylvania to serve the remainder of his predecessor's term as the ADVC for Northeast.

Due to the unforeseen nature of the change of Division leadership, it has been decided that the Departments will discuss the possibility of making changes to the "electoral process" and will prepare an SOP for conducting said business regarding same. To that end, there will be no more agreements unless they are put in writing. The SOP will be prepared and discussed at the 2024 Conference and will be ratified by the members at the 2025 Conference.

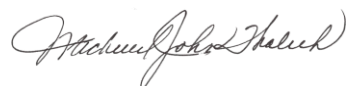
The Departments all have their Conventions planned to take place in the first three weekends of June 2024.

As the Ex-Officio for Public Relations, I have received the chair's report which will be submitted under separate cover. Dates for "Scuttlebutt" zoom sessions have been posted to the calendar and posted to social media pages for dissemination.

As the Ex-Officio for Uniforms, I have attended all scheduled zoom meetings. The committee is moving forward with guidelines and protocols for developing an "easy to understand" SOP Manual for the membership. This is a daunting task to which the chair has created sub-committees to accomplish the goal.

As the Ex-Officio for Training, I was unable to attend the meeting that was scheduled but received no follow-up on what transpired since.

Semper Fi,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael John Waluk".

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